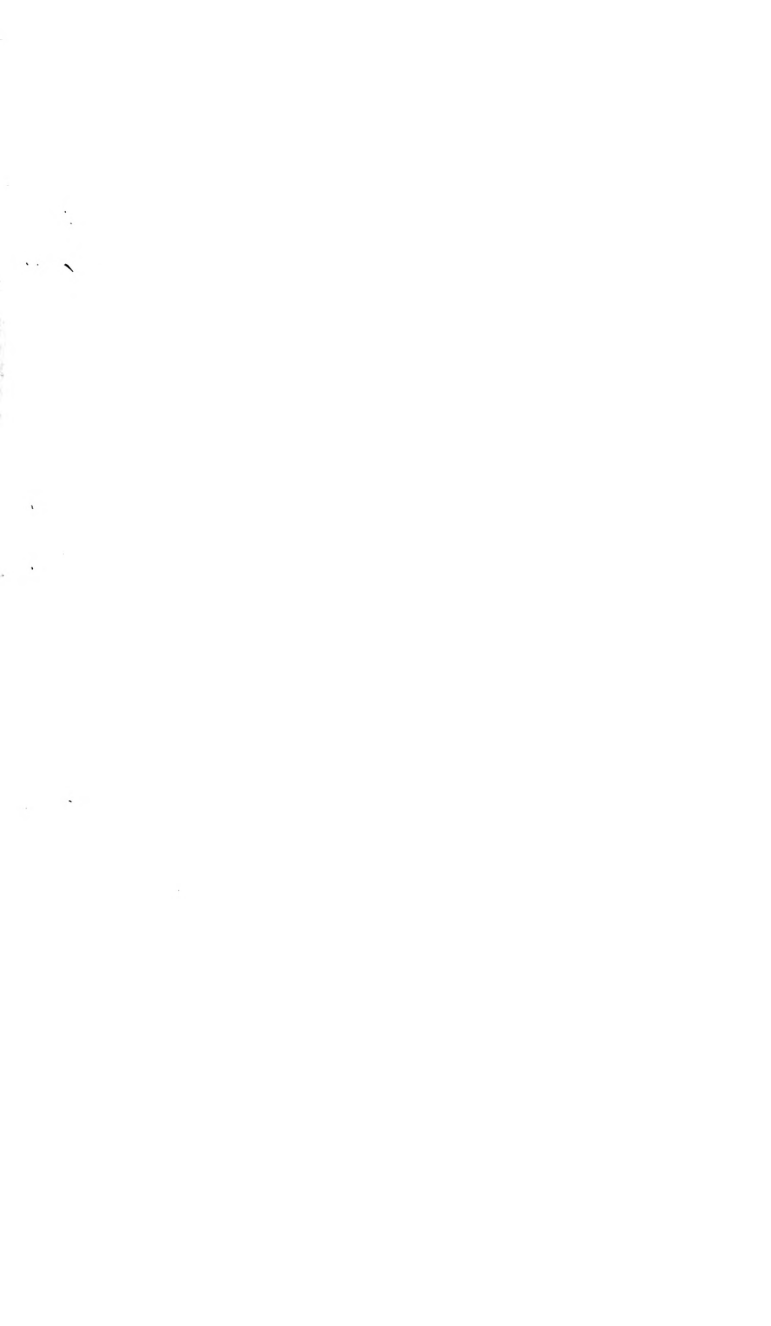




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February, 1786.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last Monday in *February*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, and in the Tenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM GREENE, ESQUIRE,

G O V E R N O R

THE HONORABLE

JABEZ BOWEN, ESQUIRE,

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

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| JOHN COOKE, Esq. | | |
| JOHN SMITH (of Gloucester) Esq. | | |

HENRY SHERBURNE, Esq. Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

February, 1786.

DEPUTIES FROM THE SEVERAL TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esq. Speaker.

NEWPORT.

George Hazard, *Esq.*
Henry Marchant, *Esq.*
Mr. George Champlin,
John Topham, *Esq.*
Peleg Clarke, *Esq.*
Mr. Daniel Maſon.

PROVIDENCE.

John Jenckes, *Esq.*
Mr. Paul Allen,
Charles Keene, *Esq.*
Jeremiah Olney, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH.

Mr. Eliſha Cobb,
Mr. James Allen,
Mr. Benjamin Brownell.

WARWICK.

John Warner, *Esq.*
Mr. Benjamin Remington,
Benjamin Arnold, *Esq.*
Mr. John Stafford.

WESTERLY.

Joſeph Noyes, *Esq.*
Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM.

Mr. William Littlefield.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN.

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner, jun.
Mr. John Allen.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.

Rowſe J. Helme, *Esq.*
Mr. Rowland Brown.

EAST-GREENWICH.

Archibald Crary, *Esq.*
Benjamin Tillinghaſt, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN.

Rowland Robinson, *Esq.*
Mr. Nicholas Carr.

SMITHFIELD.

Mr. Stephen Arnold, jun.
Daniel Mowry, jun. *Esq.*

SCITUATE.

Rufus Hopkins, *Esq.*
William Weſt, *Esq.*

GLOUCESTER.

Daniel Owen, *Esq.*
Mr. Seth Hunt.

CHARLESTON.

Joſeph Stanton jun. *Esq.*

James Congdon, jun. *Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH.

Thomas Tillinghaſt, *Esq.*
Mr. Stukely Huſſon.

COVENTRY.

Israel Bowen, *Esq.*
Mr. John Greene.

EXETER.

Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN.

Mr. Nicholas Eaſton,
Mr. James Potter.

BRISTOL.

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON.

Mr. Benjamin Howland,
Mr. Joſeph Barker.

LITTLE-COMPTON.

Mr. William Ladd,
Mr. William Brown.

WARREN.

Nathan Miller, *Esq.*
Robert Carr, *Esq.*

CUMBERLAND.

Abner Lapham, *Esq.*
John Gould, *Esq.*

RICHMOND.

James Sheldon, *Esq.*
Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON.

William Field, *Esq.*
Israel Gorton, *Esq.*

HOPKINGTON.

Abel Tanner, *Esq.*
Thomas Wells, *Esq.*

JOHNSTON.

Peleg Williams, *Esq.*
Mr. Iſaac Fiſk.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE.

Eſek Hopkins, *Esq.*
Mr. Edward Smith.

BARRINGTON.

Joſiah Humphrey, *Esq.*
Samuel Allen, *Esq.*

FOSTER.

John Williams, *Esq.*
Mr. John Weſtcott.

BENJAMIN BOURNE, *Esq.* Clerk of the Lower-Houſe.

WHEREAS this Assembly did at the Session in *October*, A. D. *A. Hopkins's*
 1784, order *Thirty Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eleven Pence* Order to be
 Lawful Money to be paid to Mr. *Asa Hopkins* out of the next State exchanged,
 Tax ; and the said *Asa Hopkins* having requested that the same may
 be paid out of any State Tax :

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Certificate given by
 the Secretary for the said Sum be cancelled : That a Certificate be
 given to the said *Asa Hopkins* for the same Sum payable out of the
 General-Treasury ; and that the same be receivable in Payment of
 any State Tax.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq. be and he *T. Rumrell*
 is hereby appointed Auditor of Accounts for this State. appointed Au-
 ditor.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he *General Treas-*
 is hereby empowered to receive into his Office, his Note as General- *urer to issue*
 Treasurer Dated 20th of *May*, 1783, for *Six Hundred and Sixty-four* Notes to the
Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Three Pence Lawful Money, payable to Heirs of *E.*
Ebenezer Richardson, Esq. late of *Newport*, deceased; or his Order on *Richardson.*
 Demand with Interest : And that the General-Treasurer give other
 Notes therefor of the same Date and to the same Amount, so as to
 enable the Executors to make Division thereof amongst the Heirs or
 Devises of the said *Ebenezer Richardson*, agreeably to his last Will
 and Testament, or in such Manner as they the said Executors,
 Heirs or Devises by themselves or Guardians may agree.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Eight Pounds Five Shillings* Lawful *M. Marshall*
 Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mrs. allowed £.8 5s
Mercy Marshall, it being the Amount of an Account by her charged
 against the Estate of *Thomas Bannister* an Absentee.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Six Pounds Eleven Shillings and* *A. Butler al-*
Three Pence Three Farthings Lawful Money be allowed and paid 3s *lowed £.6 11s*
 out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Abner Butler* in full for an Ac-
 count by him exhibited for Timber purchased to build Platforms at
Bristol Ferry.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-one Pounds Fourteen* *R. Brattle al-*
Shillings Lawful Money be allowed to Mr. *Robert Brattle*, it being the *lowed £.21*
 Amount of an Account by him exhibited for a Boat by him furnis- *14s.*
 hed for the Use of Fort *Washington*, &c. as reported by the Auditor,
 and that the same be paid by *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq. Intendant of
 Trade for the County of *Newport* out of the Light Money by him
 collected.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Two Pounds One Shilling and Six* *L. Whitman*
Pence Half-Penny Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the Ge- *allowed £.2*
 neral-Treasury to *Jacob Whitman*, Esq. the same being the Amount *1/6s*
 of an Account by him charged against the Collector of Impost for the
 County

County of *Providence* for adjusting Scales and Weights. &c. which Account was examined by the Auditor.

J. Noyes, jun.
allowed £. 2
10.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Ten Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Joseph Noyes, jun.* it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Time, Expences, &c. in carrying a Letter to His Excellency Governor *Grifwold*.

B. Wheeler al-
lowed £. 5 10s
3d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Five Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Three Pence Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Bennett Wheeler*, it being in full for an Account by him exhibited, which was examined by the Auditor, for printing done for the State.

Committee to
ascertain the
Claim of *W.*
Blodget.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs John Jenckes, Esq. Hopkins, Jeremiah Olney, and George Champlin, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inquire into the Claim of *William Blodget*, late Aid-de-Camp to Major-General *Greene*, for Depreciation of his Wages, as set forth in his Petition preferred unto this Assembly, and if it shall appear to be well founded, that they adjust his Account on the same Principles on which the Accounts of other Officers have been adjusted; and that they report as soon as may be.

G. Mowry
and *B. Sheldon*
allowed £. 30
2/4

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds Seven Shillings and Four Pence One Farthing Lawful Money be allowed to Messieurs *Gideon Mowry* and *Benjamin Sheldon*, it being agreeably to the Report of the Auditor the Amount of a Note given by the General-Treasurer to *Stukely Inman* a Rucruit in the *Rhode-Island* Regiment, and by him assigned to the said *Gideon Mowry* and *Benjamin Sheldon*, together with the compound Interest thereon up to the Twenty-first Day of *March*, A. D. 1786: And that the General-Treasurer give his Note for the same dated the said Twenty-first Day of *March*, payable on Demand with Interest.

D. Cooke al-
lowed £. 24 18s

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-four Pounds Eighteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Daniel Cooke, Esq.* it being the Amount of an Account by him charged against *Henry Ward, Esq.* for Service done in the Secretary's Office; and that the same be charged to the Secretary.

T. Tew al-
lowed £. 3 17s
4d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Four Pence Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Thomas Tew* Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, it being in full for an Account by him exhibited and examined by the Auditor, for the Maintenance of poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State.

N. Kinyon's
Petition.

WHEREAS *Nathan Kinyon* of *Charlestown*, Yeoman, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he purchased the Lots
No.

No. 1 and No. 3, of the Point Farm (so called) and that he hath paid upwards of *Three Thousand Pounds* in Part of said Purchase, together with more Interest than is due upon the whole Purchase Money : That in Consequence of Disappointments and the great Scarcity of Money, he has not been able to discharge the Whole of the Purchase Money : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly, that he may have a Deed of the Lot No. 1, and that a further Time may be given him to collect the Remainder of the Money due upon the said Purchase : Which being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed to make and execute a Deed with Warranty to the said *Nathan Kinyon*, of the said Lot No. 1, conveying to him; his Heirs and Assigns, all the Right, Interest and Title which *Samuel Sewall* had in and to the same when it was confiscated to and for the Use of this State ; and that the General-Treasurer at the same Time cancel so much of the Receipts which he has given for Money paid on Account by the said *Nathan Kinyon* before the Execution of the said Deed.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That a further Time be allowed to the said *Nathan Kinyon* to pay the Purchase Money of the Remainder of the Estate bid off by him, to wit, until the First Day of *June*, A. D. 1786 : That he pay the same in State Notes which have not had the Interest granted on them since the Day of Sale, or in Notes on which Interest has been granted since the said Day of Sale, together with Impost Orders to the Amount of such Interest granted, in Addition to the Balance due by the Conditions of Sale ; and that if the said *Nathan Kinyon* do not pay the Amount of what may be due by the said First Day of *June*, that then he shall pay Interest upon the Sum so deficient from the Time the Purchase Money first became due.

AND whereas *Simeon Potter*, Esq. has paid the Money into the General-Treasury for the Lot bid off by *William West*, Esq. and has got a Deed of the same, and as the General-Treasurer was not fully acquainted with the Conditions of the Sale of the said Lot :

S. Potter to pay Interest on the Purchase Money of a Lot in the Point Farm.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to call on the said *Simeon Potter* to pay the Interest agreeably the said Conditions of Sale : That *John Jenckes*, Esq. be appointed to assist the General-Treasurer in settling the same with the said *Simeon Potter*, *John Cooke* and *George Irish*, Esquires, agreeably to the above Conditions, and that no other Interest be paid.

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq. *John Jenckes*, Esq. and Mr. *George Champlin*, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and Report, to wit :

Reports on the General Treasurer's Accounts.

Dr.

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February, 1786.

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Joseph Clarke*,
Esq. General-Treasurer.

1786.

Feb. 8. Balance due to the State in old Continen-
tal Money and now in my Hands, 38556 2 7½

Creditor.

1783.

Feb. 25. By the Balance due to the State in old
Continental Money as per Account adjust-
ed by former Committee, 38510 12 3¼

July 4. By Cash of *Gabriel Allen* in old Continental
Money that belonged to *Benjamin Hoge*,
Lemuel Stewart, and *Benjamin Springer*,
Soldiers, which they did not receive in due
Time, per Act of Assembly *Februtary*,
1783: 45 10 4

 38556 2 7½

Newport, 8th Feb. 1786.

IN Obedience to the Appointment of the Honorable the General
Assembly we have carefully examined the Treasurer's Books and find
a Balance of *Thirty-eight Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-six Pounds
Two Shillings and Seven Pence One Farthing* old Continental Money;
and *Twenty-five Hundred and Fifty-six Pounds Five Shillings and One
Penny* old Tenor.

George Hazard,
John Jenckes, } Committee.
George Champlin.

AND the foregoing Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq. *John Jenckes*, Esq. and Mr. *George
Champlin*, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Ac-
count and Report thereon, to wit :

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Joseph Clarke*,
Esq. General-Treasurer.

1786.

Feb. 8. Balance due to the State of the new Emis-
sion of Congress Money in my Hands, 18490 14 10½

Creditor.

1783.

Feb. 24. By the Balance in my Hands due to the
State of the new Emission of Congress Mo-
ney

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| | ney as per Report of the former Committee amounting to | 17694 | 11 | 10½ |
| March 4. | By Cash of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq. new Emission, for Rents of sequestered Estates, | £.12 | 11 | 0 |
| April 4. | By ditto of <i>Capt. Thomas Hugbes</i> , late Paymaster of <i>Col. Angel's</i> Regiment, per Act of Assembly 1117 Dollars. | 335 | 2 | 0 |
| May 9. | By ditto of <i>Col. Jeremiah Olney</i> new Emission, | 81 | 6 | 0 |
| July 28. | By ditto of <i>Daniel Dexter</i> new Emission 1224 Dollars, | 367 | 4 | 0 |
| | | <hr/> | 796 | 3 0 |
| | | | £.18490 | 14 10½ |

Newport, 8th Feb. 1786.

IN Obédience to the Appointment of the Honorable the General Assembly we have carefully examined the Treasurer's Books and find a Balance of Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Ten Pence Three Farthings of Congress new Emission Money.

George Hazard,
John Jenckes,
George Champlin, } Committee.

AND the foregoing Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS *George Hazard*, Esq. *John Jenckes*, Esq. and Mr. *George Champlin*, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and Report thereon, to wit :

Dr. The State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Joseph Clarke*, Esq. General-Treasurer.

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| 1786. | | |
| Feb. 8. | To the Amount burnt of funded Money of June, 1780, by Messieurs <i>Jenckes</i> , <i>Hopkins</i> and <i>Allen</i> , as per Receipt 21st October, 1783, | 6464 0 9 |
| | Balance due to the State in funded Money of June, 1780, | 56 14 7½ |
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| | | 6520 15 4½ |
| | | Creditor. |

February, 1786.

Creditor.

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| 1783. | | | | |
| Feb. 24. | By Balance due to the State in funded Money of June, 1780, as per Report of a former Committee, | | 5035 | 10 9½ |
| March 6. | By Cash of Benjamin Tillinghast, in part Pay of the Boone Farm funded Money, | 337 | 0 | 11 |
| 21. | By ditto of John Brown, last Payment of the Rome Farm in funded Money, | 393 | 1 | 5 |
| May 25. | By ditto of Benjamin Tillinghast, on Account of Boone Farm funded Money, | 97 | 3 | 3½ |
| | By ditto of Col. Archibald Crary in full for the Moffat Farm, | 610 | 0 | 0 |
| July 26. | By ditto of Benjamin Tillinghast on Account of the Boone Farm funded Money, | 42 | 13 | 11½ |
| | | | 1485 | 4 6½ |
| | | | 6520 | 15 4½ |

Newport, 8th Feb. 1786.

IN Obedience to the Appointment of the Honorable the General Assembly we have carefully examined the Treasurer's Books and Vouchers, and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and find a Balance due to the State on the above Account of *Fifty-six Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Seven Pence One Farthing* of funded Money.

George Hazard,
John Fenckes,
George Champlin, } Committee.

AND the foregoing Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and is hereby accepted.

WHEREAS George Hazard, Esq. John Fenckes, Esq. and Mr. George Champlin, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and the Report thereon, to wit :

Dr. The State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with Joseph Clarke, Esq. General-Treasurer.

1783.

Feb. 25. To short Cast in the Credit of my former Account P. 4, examined by the Committee,

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Cash

Cash paid by Order of Assembly as charged in alphabetical Order, from 26th of February, 1783; to February, 1786.

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| Cash | A | 3072 | 6 | 3½ |
| ditto | B | 6996 | 1 | 0 |
| ditto | C | 2172 | 1 | 0 |
| ditto | D | 442 | 11 | 7½ |
| ditto | E | 1226 | 4 | 10 |
| ditto | F | 1749 | 6 | 7 |
| ditto | G | 2795 | 8 | 8½ |
| ditto | H | 1914 | 13 | 5 |
| ditto | I | 2032 | 2 | 4½ |
| ditto | K | 1310 | 19 | 6½ |
| ditto | L | 1295 | 15 | 9½ |
| ditto | M | 1176 | 5 | 2 |
| ditto | N | 31 | 7 | 0 |
| ditto | O | 3178 | 14 | 7 |
| ditto | P | 1147 | 14 | 11½ |
| ditto | R | 366 | 8 | 8 |
| ditto | S | 3802 | 14 | 6 |
| ditto | T | 4107 | 19 | 9½ |
| ditto | U | 106 | 9 | 4½ |
| ditto | W | 4054 | 7 | 11 |
| ditto | Y | 6 | 18 | 3 |

1785.

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| Jan. To Cash paid <i>George Olney</i> , Receiver of the Continental Taxes, from <i>March</i> 20, 1783, to <i>July</i> 5, 1785, in Thirty-five Charges, amounting to | £.9203 | 4 | 9½ |
| To sundry petty Charges since the last Settlement of my Account, | 16 | 17 | 0 |
| To Cash paid the Invalids since they were enrolled up to 4th of <i>February</i> , 1785, | 1389 | 11 | 0 |
| To Amount of Five State Notes received of <i>Col. Thomas Church</i> for the Rent of the <i>Chace Farm</i> , by Order of Assembly, as credit in my Account, | 34 | 0 | 11 |
| To Amount of Certificates received of <i>Caleb Gardner</i> for the Lot and Store he bought belonging to <i>Stephen Deblois</i> , | 60 | 6 | 0 |
| To Ten State Notes received for the Brew-House and Lot, and <i>Banister's</i> Lot sold <i>Caleb Gardner</i> , | 418 | 11 | 5 |
| To Two ditto of <i>Col. John Cook</i> , received by the Hand of <i>John Fenckes</i> , on Account of Point Judith Lots, Interest included, | 329 | 13 | 6 |
| To Two ditto of <i>William West</i> , Esq. by the Hand of <i>John Fenckes</i> , on Account of the Point Judith Lots, Interest included, | 1361 | 8 | 3½ |

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| To Six ditto of <i>Nathan Kinyon</i> , by the Hand of <i>John Jenckes</i> , on Account of Point Judith Lots, Interest included, | 877 | 11 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| To Ten ditto of <i>Richard Fry</i> , on Account of One Delinquent in the Town of <i>Warwick</i> , | 108 | 19 | 3 |
| To Fifty-eight ditto of <i>Nathan Kinyon</i> , by Hand of <i>Robert Staton</i> , on Account of the Point Judith Lots, with Interest included, | 1293 | 11 | 3 |
| To Two ditto of <i>Silas Williams</i> , for One Delinquent in the Town of <i>Glocester</i> , | 113 | 17 | 10 |
| To One ditto of <i>Daniel White</i> , for One Delinquent in the Town of <i>Hopkington</i> , | 12 | 12 | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Nov. 25. To Two ditto received of <i>Simeon Potter</i> , Esq. on Account of the Lot of Land sold <i>William West</i> , Esq. on Point Judith, amounting to | 306 | 2 | 4 |
| To One ditto received of <i>Simeon Potter</i> , the Balance due on the Lot of Land sold <i>William West</i> , Esq. on Point Judith, amounting to | 35 | 15 | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Dec. 19. To Two ditto received of <i>William Davis</i> for <i>Henry Head's</i> Fine, | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Amount received of <i>Nathan Miller</i> , on Account of the Borland Farm sold him, in One Indorsement on One Certificate of <i>Charles Holden's</i> Certificates, and Two Indorsements on One other Certificate, <i>March 28, 1783</i> , omitted, | 491 | 2 | 3 |
| To Amount received of <i>John Brown</i> , Esq. in Pay for the Borland Lot, by Indorsement on One of <i>Charles Holden's</i> Certificates, dated 15th <i>January, 1781</i> , | 272 | 9 | 0 |
| 1786. | | | |
| Feb. 8. To my Salary for the Year 1783, | 240 | 0 | 0 |
| To ditto | 1784, | 240 | 0 |
| To ditto | 1785, | 240 | 0 |
| | <hr/> | 720 | 0 |
| | | 60610 | 10 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Balance due to the State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> Silver Money, | 24764 | 2 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | <hr/> | £.85374 | 13 4 |

Creditor.

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| 1783. | | | |
| Feb. | By the Balance due to the State on Adjustment of my Account, as per Report of the Committee 25th <i>February, 1783</i> , | 12707 | 9 7 |
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| By Cash received of <i>North-Kingsdon</i> , May | | | |
| State Tax, 1782, Interest, | 3 | 17 | 10½ |
| By Amount of Interest received on the June | | | |
| State Tax, 1782, | 806 | 14 | 8½ |
| By ditto January State Tax, 1782, | 273 | 17 | 4½ |
| By ditto of <i>South-Kingsdon</i> , on the Continental | | | |
| Tax, February 1783, | 106 | 7 | 0½ |
| By Amount Interest received on the June | | | |
| State Tax, 1783, | 326 | 8 | 9½ |
| By ditto June State Tax, 1784, | 407 | 18 | 3½ |
| By Amount of the State Tax ordered by the | | | |
| General Assembly in June, 1783, payable | | | |
| the 20th December, | 20000 | 0 | 0 |
| By ditto State Tax ordered by the General | | | |
| Assembly in June, 1784, payable the 1st | | | |
| January, 1785, | 20000 | 0 | 0 |
| By ditto State Tax ordered by the General | | | |
| Assembly in August, 1785, payable January | | | |
| 1st, 1786, | 20000 | 0 | 0 |
| By Cash of <i>William Davis</i> , on Account of | | | |
| Goods sold by him belonging to the State, | 570 | 0 | 0 |
| By ditto of Col. <i>John Waterman</i> , on Account | | | |
| of a Delinquent Class in the Town of | | | |
| <i>Warwick</i> , | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| By ditto <i>William Davis</i> , on Account confiscated | | | |
| Goods, | 368 | 0 | 4½ |
| By ditto of <i>James Carpenter</i> , <i>John Norris</i> and | | | |
| <i>Benjamin Durfee</i> , for their Fines, | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| By ditto of <i>Oliver Durfee</i> , for a Delinquent | | | |
| Class in the Town of <i>Middletown</i> , for Fe- | | | |
| bruary, 1782, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| By ditto of <i>William Anthony</i> , for the Bal- | | | |
| ance of his Account, for the Sales of the | | | |
| Platforms at Butt's Hill, | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| Mar. 8. By Cash received of <i>Rose J. Helme</i> , for | | | |
| the Rent of Moffat Farm, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 18. By ditto of <i>William Davis</i> , for confiscated | | | |
| Goods sold, | 193 | 14 | 4½ |
| 19. By ditto of <i>William Davis</i> , in Part of <i>Wil-</i> | | | |
| <i>liam Brown's</i> Fine, | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| 22. By ditto received of <i>William Channing</i> , Esq. | | | |
| on Account of the Rents of the State | | | |
| Farms in the County of <i>Newport</i> , | 147 | 0 | 0 |
| April 3. By ditto received of <i>John Dexter</i> , Esq. on | | | |
| Account of Land sold in <i>Cumberland</i> , | 17 | 11 | 9 |
| By ditto received of ditto for Land sold in | | | |
| ditto, | 33 | 8 | 3 |
| 5. By ditto received of the Hon. <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , | | | |
| Esq. | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| 10. By ditto received of ditto. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | May |

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| May 24. | By ditto received of <i>William Rhodes</i> , Esq. for the Stock upon the Rome and Moffat Farms, | 153 | 13 | 4 |
| 7. | By ditto received of <i>William Channing</i> , Esq. on Account of State Farms in <i>Newport</i> , | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| June 23. | By ditto received of <i>Holmes Whiteman</i> , on Account of the Rent due on the White-man Farm <i>North-Kingston</i> , 1782, | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Aug. 2. | By ditto received of <i>Thomas Church</i> , for the Rents of the Chace Farm, in Five State Notes, by Order of Assembly, | 34 | 0 | 11 |
| | By ditto received of <i>Stephen Whiteman</i> , for Land sold in <i>Exeter</i> , | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct. 25. | By ditto received of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq. on Account of Barracks sold at Vendue on <i>John Brown's Farm at Bristol</i> . | 69 | 18 | 4 |
| | By ditto of ditto, on Account of confiscated Estates, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| 28. | By ditto received of ditto, on Account of Barracks sold at <i>Bristol</i> , | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Nov. 11. | By ditto received of <i>James Arnold</i> , jun. the Balance of his Account of Barracks sold at <i>Pawtuxet</i> , | 5 | 12 | 0 |
| Dec. 10. | By ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq. for Barracks sold at <i>Bristol</i> , | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| 30. | By ditto of Col. <i>Lemuel Bailey</i> and <i>Benjamin Howland</i> , for Military Stores sold by them at <i>Tiverton</i> , | 7 | 17 | 6 |
| 1784. | | | | |
| Jan. 12. | By ditto received of the Hon. <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Esq. | 374 | 19 | 4½ |
| | By ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq. on Account of confiscated Estates, | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Feb. 28. | By Cash of <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Esq. | 153 | 15 | 10½ |
| | By ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq. on Account of the Rents of confiscated Estates, | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| | By ditto of <i>Richard Fry</i> , for an Execution against <i>Griffin Greene</i> , | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| April 10. | By ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq. on Account of the Rents of confiscated Estates, | 16 | 15 | 0 |
| Aug. 10. | By ditto of <i>William Davis</i> , Esq. for a necessary House sold, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| June 10. | By ditto of <i>William Channing</i> , Esq. on Account of the House of <i>Linn Martin's</i> sold at Vendue, | 201 | 9 | 3 |
| Sept. 11. | By ditto of <i>Aaron Sheffield</i> , for the Lot late <i>Thomas Banister's</i> , and by him demised to <i>Shearman Clarke</i> , deceased, | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Oct. 6. | By ditto of <i>John Dexter</i> , for Land sold <i>Ariel Cooke</i> , of <i>Cumberland</i> , | 29 | 26 | 9 |
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| 9. By ditto of <i>Job Sisson</i> , being Part of the Bounty of <i>Robert Thomson</i> , who entered for <i>Edward Slocum's</i> Class for the Nine Months Men in <i>Portsmouth</i> , and deserted before he received all his Bounty, | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 19. By ditto of <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Esq. for Brimstone belonging to the State, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| By ditto of <i>John Lawton</i> , for the Lot of Land late <i>Thomas Banister's</i> , which was confiscated and sold him, | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| By ditto of <i>Beriab Wait</i> , Deputy-Sheriff, in Part of Class Money for the Three Years Men in the Town of <i>Exeter</i> , | 84 | 18 | 7 |
| Dec. 15. By ditto in Four of <i>Jeremiah Olney's</i> Certificates returned in my Office, | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| 1785. | | | |
| Jan. 7. By ditto of <i>Carder Hazard</i> , Esq. in Part of Class Money due from the Town of <i>South-Kingston</i> , | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| By ditto of <i>Caleb Gardner</i> , for the Lot and Store, that was <i>Stephen Deblois's</i> , and confiscated and sold, in One Certificate, | 60 | 6 | 0 |
| Feb. 19. By ditto of <i>William Bradford</i> , Esq. | 16 | 14 | 1½ |
| By ditto of <i>Richard Smith</i> , the Amount of Execution against <i>William Turner Miller</i> , in Favor of the State, | 49 | 13 | 0 |
| By ditto of <i>Caleb Gardner</i> , for the Brew: House and Lot, and the <i>Banister</i> Lot, in Ten State Notes, per Acts of Assembly, | 420 | 0 | 0 |
| April 6. By Cash received of <i>Richard Fry</i> for <i>Alexander Hopkin's</i> Class Money, | 5 | 5 | 2 |
| 25. By ditto of <i>John Allen</i> for delinquent Class Money <i>North-Kingston</i> , | 220 | 19 | 0½ |
| 27. By ditto of <i>Daniel White</i> , in Part of Class Money Town of <i>Hopkinton</i> , | 101 | 4 | 5 |
| By ditto of <i>Beriab Wait</i> , for Class Money Town of <i>Exeter</i> , | 256 | 7 | 10½ |
| By ditto of <i>Robert Wilcox</i> , in Part of Class Money for ditto, | 3 | 19 | 9 |
| May 5. By ditto of <i>William Anthony</i> , by Order of Assembly, | 0 | 15 | 0 |
| By Two Notes received of <i>John Cook</i> , Esq. by the Hand of <i>John Jenckes</i> , on Account of the first Payment of Point Judith Farm, amounting with Interest to | 829 | 13 | 6 |
| By Two State Notes received of <i>William West</i> , Esq. by the Hand of <i>John Jenckes</i> , in part Payment of the Point Judith Farm, amounting with Interest to | 1361 | 8 | 3½ |

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| By Ten State Notes of <i>Richard Fry</i> , on Account of One Recruit the Town of <i>Warwick</i> was deficient, amounting with Interest to | 108 | 19 | 3 |
| By Six State Notes of <i>Nathan Kinyon</i> , by the Hand of <i>John Jenckes</i> , on Account of the Point Judith Farm, amounting with Interest to | 877 | 11 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| 6. By Fifty-eight ditto of <i>Nathan Kinyon</i> , by the Hand of <i>Robert Stanton</i> , on Account of the Point Judith Farm, amounting with Interest to | 1293 | 11 | 3 |
| 7. By Two ditto of — <i>Williams</i> , for one delinquent Class <i>Gloucester</i> , | 113 | 7 | 10 |
| June 20. By ditto of <i>Daniel White</i> , for one delinquent Class <i>Hopkington</i> ; | 12 | 12 | 7 |
| Nov. 25. By Two ditto of <i>Simcon Potter</i> , in Part for the Land sold <i>William West</i> , Esq. on Point Judith, amounting to | 306 | 2 | 4 |
| Dec. 19. By One ditto received of <i>Simcon Potter</i> , in full for the Balance of the Lot of Land sold <i>William West</i> on Point Judith, | 35 | 15 | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| By Two State Notes received of <i>William Davis</i> , <i>Henry Head's</i> Fine, | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| 1786. | | | |
| Jan. By Cash received of <i>Carder Hazard</i> , Esq. in Part of a delinquent Class due from <i>South-Kingston</i> , | 1 | 16 | 0 |
| By ditto received of Hon. <i>Jabez Bowen</i> , Esq. for the Powder-House Lot sold to <i>Isaac Olney</i> , omitted June 3, 1783, | 58 | 10 | 0 |
| By Interest of Loan-Office Certificates issued to Col. <i>Olney</i> , by Act of Assembly, omitted January 29, 1784, 1955 $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars, | 586 | 12 | 0 |
| By Cash received of <i>Nathan Miller</i> , Esq. on Account of the Borland Farm sold him, in One Indorsement on One Certificate of <i>Charles Holden's</i> and Two Indorsements on One other Certificate, dated 28th March, 1783, omitted in Course, | 491 | 2 | 3 |
| By ditto received of <i>John Brown</i> , Esq. by Indorsement on One of <i>Charles Holden's</i> Certificates; dated January 15, 1781, | 272 | 9 | 0 |
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| | L.85374 | 13 | 4 |

IN Obedience to the Appointment of the Honorable the General Assembly we have carefully examined the General-Treasurer's Books and compared the Vouchers with the Charges, and do report that on the above Account there appears to be a Balance of *Twenty-four Thousand*

and Seven Hundred Sixty-four Pounds Two Shillings and Four Pence
Three Farthings Lawful Silver Money due to the State.

George Hazard,
John Jenckes,
George Champlin. } Committee.
Newport, 8th Feb. 1786.

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| Amount of State Notes issued by Order of the General Assembly, | 1466 12 10 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Amount of State Notes received in the Treasury by Order of Assembly, Principal, | 6073 18 11 |
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| | 140583 11 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

AND the foregoing Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition preferred unto this Assembly by the Inhabitants of *Potowomut* in the Town of *Warwick*, praying that they may be annexed to the Town of *East-Greenwich*, be referred to the next Session of this Assembly : And that the Town of *Warwick* be cited then to answer the same, if they see Cause, by a Citation to be served on the Town-Clerk.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Account of Mr. *Paul Allen* exhibited unto this Assembly for Tar furnished *Silas Talbot*, Esq. for a Fire Sloop, be, and the same is hereby recommended to *Edward Chinn*, Esq. the Commissioner in this State on public Accounts, for Adjustment and Payment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Six Pounds Twelve Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *John Jenckes*, Esq. it being the Amount of his Account exhibited for his Services as One of the Committee in settling the General-Treasurer's and Major *John S. Dexter*'s Accounts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *George Champlin*, it being the Amount of an Account by him charged against the State for his Services as One of the Committee in settling the General-Treasurer's Accounts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *George Hazard*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Time and Attendance as One of the Committee for settling the General-Treasurer's Accounts.

WHEREAS

E. Thurber,
jun. his Peti-
tion granted.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edward Thurber*, jun. preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that at the General Election, A. D. 1779, he being in the Service of the State, was deprived of One of his Hands and greatly disabled in the other, by which Misfortune he is rendered incapable of supporting himself by Labour : That he has since received only One Year's Support from the State; and there-upon prayed this Assembly for Relief : And the Premises being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Edward Thurber*, jun. be, and he is hereby declared to be entitled to receive a Pension of *Eighteen Pounds* per Year out of the General-Treasury of this State during the Term of his natural Life : And that the General-Treasurer be directed to pay the same accordingly from the Fifth Day of *May*, A. D. 1780, he having already received Payment for the first Year.

Clark and
Nightingale al-
lowed £. 1 2/8.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *One Pound Two Skillings and Eight Pence* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs *Clark* and *Nightingale*, it being the Amount of an Account by them exhibited for Cash paid for digging Post-Holes in front of the State-House in *Providence*, &c.

Report of the
Committee up-
on *J. Wanton's*
Petition.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to inquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of *John Wanton* preferred unto this Assembly, praying that an Allowance may be made him for Two Houses which were pulled down for the Purpose of erecting the North Battery upon the Point in *Newport*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

ACCORDING to our Appointment by the Honorable General Assembly we have made what inquiry we could concerning the Removal of *John Wanton's* House and Bake-House, and find it was by Order of the Commanding Officer ordered to be removed, and it is our Opinions that said *Wanton* have and receive of the State *Seventy-five Pounds* Lawful Money in full Compensation for said Buildings.

William Richmond,
William Ladd,
John Topham, } Committee.

Newport, Dec. 9, 1785.

AND the said Report being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Seventy-five Pounds* be paid to the said *John Wanton* out of the General-Treasury.

J. Harris's
Petition grant-
ed.

WHEREAS *Joseph Harris*, of *Gloucester*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that at the last *September* Term of the Superior Court held at *Providence*, he was convicted of Forgery, and sentenced by the said Court to be cropped and branded, to pay a Fine of *Fifteen Pounds* to the State and all Costs of Prosecution : That the said

said Sentence if carried into Execution, together with his Expence while in Gaol will take the Whole of his Estate, leave himself and Family in a miserable Condition, and injure his honest Creditors : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly that the said Fine may be remitted : Which being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said Fine be, and the same is hereby remitted ; and that any Security which may have been given for the Payment thereof, be cancelled and made void.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nine Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *John Devol*, it being for his Wages Four Months and Eighteen Days, as Armourer in this State's Regiment under the Command of Colonels *Henry Babcock* and *Christopher Lippitt*, and agreeably to the Report of the Committee appointed to consider his Petition preferred unto this Assembly for that Purpose. *J. Devol allowed £.9 s.*

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to consider the Services of Major *John S. Dexter* as Agent to the *Rhode-Island* Regiment, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit : *J. S. Dexter allowed £.135*

IN Obedience to the Appointment of the Honorable the General Assembly, your Committee have carefully examined the Doings of Major *John S. Dexter*, who was appointed Agent to the *Rhode-Island* Regiment, in order to get their Accounts settled with the Paymaster-General, and find that he completed the same after Nine Months close Attendance on the same : That he received from the Paymaster-General One Hundred and Forty-seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Two Dollars and $\frac{2}{3}$ ths in Certificates on a final Settlement of the Balances due to the Officers and Soldiers of the *Rhode-Island* Regiment : That he has delivered out to the several Officers and Soldiers of the Regiment One Hundred Forty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety-five Dollars and $\frac{1}{3}$ ths as per his Receipts for the same, and has delivered the Remainder into the Hands of your Committee, amounting to Three Thousand and Seven Dollars and $\frac{2}{3}$ ths; for which he has our Receipt and which we herewith present. And your Committee are of Opinion that the said *John S. Dexter* ought to have Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars for his faithful Service in transacting the Business ; and that the same be charged to the United States agreeably to the Resolution of Congress of May 27, 1785.

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John Jencks,
Paul Allen,
Jeremiah Olney, } Committee.

Providence, February 17, 1786.

AND the said Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted : That the aforesaid Certificates in the Hands of the Committee
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be by the said *Jeremiah Olney* delivered into the General-Treasury for the Use of the several Individuals to whom the same belong ; that the General-Treasurer deliver the same accordingly on Application : That the said Sum of *Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars* be paid to the said *John S. Dexter* out of the General-Treasury, in Compensation for his Services ; and that the said Sum be charged to the United States.

Officers chosen BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee chose the following Officers, to wit :

THE Reverend *James Manning* the First, and *Nathan Miller*, Esq. the Second Delegate to represent this State in the Congress of the United States of *America* for the Year ensuing.

David Howell, Esq. Fifth Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery in and throughout the State, in the Room of *Thomas Arnold*, Esq. who declined.

John S. Dexter, Esq. a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Cum-berland*.

Job Randall, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Infantry in the County of *Kent*, in the Room of *John S. Dexter*, Esq. who hath removed out of the County.

Allen Johnson, Esq. Major of the aforefaid Regiment, in the Room of the aforefaid *Job Randall*, Esq. advanced.

C. Ellery, allowed £.4 16s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds Sixteen Skillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Christopher Ellery*, Esq. it being the Amount of his Account exhibited for his Time, Expences, &c. in settling the Accounts of divers of the Collectors of Impost.

Report upon WHEREAS *Christopher Ellery*, Esq. presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and his Report thereon, to wit :

G. Mumford's
Account.

State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Gideon Mumford*, Esq. Collector of Impost for the County of *Kent*,—Dr.

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| To sundry Imposts Orders as per Account of Particulars, | £.161 15 3 |
| To Balance due from Messieurs <i>Jacobb</i> and <i>Griffin Greene</i> , | 58 0 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| To ditto <i>Gideon Arnold</i> , | 0 19 8 |
| To ditto <i>Silas Casey</i> and Company, | 11 11 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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| | £.232 6 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

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| By the Amount of Duties, | £.79 | 8 | 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| By so much to be carried to the Credit of <i>Stephen Mumford</i> , late Collector of Impost, | 152 | 17 | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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| | £.232 | 6 | 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ |

Providence, March 2d, 1786.

Errors and Omissions excepted.

Per *Gideon Mumford*, Col. Impost.

THE above Account hath been examined and it stands balanced as above. Which is submitted to your Honors by your most obedient Servant,
Christopher Ellery, Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

WHEREAS *Christopher Ellery*, Esq. presented unto this Assembly a State of an Account and his Report thereon as follow, to wit :

Report upon *E. Hopkins's* Account.

The State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Ezek Hopkins*, Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*,—Dr.

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| To Amount of Impost paid to the Honorable Committee in Ninety-one Impost Orders, as per Abstract herewith rendered to this Day, <i>March 1, 1786,</i> | £.914 | 6 | 0 |
| To my Commissions on £.871 11 $\frac{1}{8}$. being the whole Sum collected up to this Day, at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. | 30 | 10 | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
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| | £.944 | 16 | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

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| <i>Oct. 27.</i> By Balance due to the State as per Settlement, | £.27 | 5 | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| By Amount of Impost collected (in Impost Orders) from <i>Oct. 27, 1785</i> , up to this Day, <i>March 1, 1786,</i> | 871 | 11 | 8 |

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| <i>March 1.</i> Balance due to <i>Ezek Hopkins</i> and passed to new Account, | 45 | 19 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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| | £.944 | 16 | 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ |

Providence, March 1, 1786.

THE above Account has been duly examined and compared with the Vouchers, and there appears a Balance due to the said *Ezek Hopkins*,

kins, of the Sum of Forty-five Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Three Pence Half-Penny, exclusive of the outstanding Debts, of which an Abstract is herewith rendered. All which is here submitted by your Honors obedient Servant,

Christopher Ellery, Committee.

To the Honorable General
Assembly, February Ses-
sion, 1786.

AND the said Report being duly considered,

*It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accept-
ed: And that the said Balance of Forty-five Pounds Nineteen Shillings
and Three Pence Half-Penny Lawful Money be passed to the Credit of
the said Esq Hopkins in his new Account.*

Report upon
R. Crooke's
Account,

WHEREAS *Christopher Ellery, Esq,* presented unto this Assembly
the following State of an Account and his Report thereon, to wit :

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Robert Crooke, Collector*
of Impost for the County of *Newport*,—Dr.

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| <i>Oct. 24.</i> To Balance due in my Favor as per Ac- count adjusted with <i>Christopher Ellery</i> and <i>Jeremiah Olney, Esquires, Committee,</i> | £.187 | 18 | 2 |
| To Amount of sundry Orders drawn by <i>Jo- seph Clarke, Esq.</i> in Favor of sundry Per- sons, per Sheet No. 1, | 928 | 12 | 4 |
| To ditto, per Sheet No. 2, | 335 | 4 | 3½ |

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| <i>Feb. 24.</i> To Amount of my Commissions on £.1504 7/6½, the Sum collected up to this Time, at 3½ per Cent. | 52 | 12 | 9 |
| | £.1504 | 7 | 6½ |

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| <i>Oct.</i> By Cash received of sundry Persons for Impost Duties from the 24th of <i>October</i> to the 2d of <i>November</i> , per Account, | £.85 | 9 | 6½ |
| <i>Nov. 2.</i> By ditto for <i>November</i> , | 871 | 17 | 5½ |
| <i>Dec. 4.</i> By ditto for <i>December</i> , | 215 | 15 | 3 |
| 1786. | | | |
| <i>Jan. 5.</i> By ditto for <i>January</i> , | 217 | 17 | 9 |
| <i>Feb. 24.</i> By ditto for <i>February</i> to the 24th, | 113 | 7 | 6½ |
| | £.1504 | 7 | 6½ |

Newport, February 28, 1786.

Errors and Omissions excepted.

Per *Robert Crooke, Collector of Impost.*
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THE above Account hath been duly examined and compared with the Vouchers, and it stands balanced as above; a List of the outstanding Debts is herewith exhibited: The Orders upon the Impost to the Amount of £.1263 16/7½ are lodged with me to be delivered to the Treasurer. All which is submitted to your Honors by your most obedient Servant,

Christopher Ellery, Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-four Pounds Lawful Money *N. Hawkins* be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mrs. *Nancy Hawkins* *allowed £.24* Widow of *John Hawkins*, late of *Providence*, deceased, the same being in full Compensation for the Services and Pay of her said Husband, who was a Soldier in this State's Service and was taken Prisoner early in the late War, as reported by the Committee appointed to consider her Petition preferred unto this Assembly for that Purpose.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Eight Pounds Twelve Shillings and One Penny Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Abel Bennett*, Town-Serjeant of the Town of *Coventry*, the same being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited for his Time, Expences, &c. in apprehending and committing divers Persons on Suspicion of counterfeiting Money, and agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited the same. *A. Bennett allowed £.8 12s. 1d.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound One Shilling and Six Pence Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *John Tarp*, it being agreeably to the Report of the Auditor, the consolidated Value of a Certificate by him exhibited for his Wages and Rations in the Alarm in *July*, A. D. 1780, together with the compound Interest thereon. *J. Tarp allowed £.1 1/6.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Ten Shillings Lawful Money be allowed to Mr. *Benjamin Fowler*, it being the Amount of an Account by him charged against the United States for a Boat, Oars, &c. taken from him in the Expedition upon *Rhode-Island* in the Year 1778, the same having been examined and allowed by the Committee appointed for that Purpose: And that the General-Treasury give his Note to the said *Benjamin Fowler* for the said Sum, payable on Demand with Interest. *B. Fowler allowed £.7 10s.*

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to consider the Petition of Mr. *John Lawton*, preferred unto this Assembly at the Session in *August* last, praying for an Allowance for the Board and nursing of *Daniel Tillinghast, jun.* who was wounded in attacking the *Scarborough* in the Year 1776, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

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Report on *J. Lawton's* Petition.

IN Obedience to our Appointment by the Honorable the General Assembly to take the Subject Matter of the said Petition into Consideration, do report that in our Opinion Mr. *John Lawton* be allowed the Sum of *Eleven Pounds Fourteen Shillings*; and that Mrs. *Godfrey* be allowed the Sum of *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money, which is to be in full for their Accounts for the Board and nursing of said *Daniel Tillinghast*: All which is submitted by your Honors most obedient Servants,

Paul Allen,
Esek Hopkins, } Committee.
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AND the said Report being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted: And that the said Sum of *Eleven Pounds Fourteen Shillings* be allowed and paid to the said *John Lawton*; and that the said Sum of *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid to the said Mrs. *Godfrey* out of the General-Treasury.

N. Miller to
receive Certifi-
cates of *J.*
Pierce,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nathan Miller*, Esq. be, and he is hereby empowered to receive of *John Peirce*, Esq. Commissioner of Army Accounts, such Certificates as shall remain unissued belonging to the Inhabitants of this State, and not appertaining to the Line of this State: And that the said *Nathan Miller* give his Receipt therefor, and deposit the same in the General-Treasury of this State as soon as may be.

R. Knowles's
Petition grant-
ed.

WHEREAS Mr. *Reynard Knowles* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That in Pursuance of a Resolution of this Assembly authorizing the Collectors of Taxes of the Town of *South-Kingston* to receive Certificates for Interest arising on Loan-Office Certificates in Payment of the Deficiency of the Taxes due from the said Town, he supplied himself with Certificates to discharge a Tax due from him to *George Tefft*, One of the Collectors for the said Town: That before he had an Opportunity of discharging the said Tax, the Time (being unknown to him) for the Payment of the same in the said Certificates expired; and that he is now in Danger of having his Stock taken for that Purpose, and thereupon prayed this Assembly for Relief: Which being duly considered.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Reynard Knowles* be, and he is hereby empowered to pay the Tax due from him to the said *George Tefft*, in Certificates for Interest arising on Loan-Office Certificates.

H. Sberburne
allowed £.257
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IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Two Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds Seven Shillings and Two Pence* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry Sberburne*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited and examined by the Auditor,

tor, for Eight Months Pay as a Colonel in the Army of the United States from May 1, 1780, to January 1, 1781, together with the compound Interest thereon up to March 4, 1786 : And that the same be charged to the United States.

It is Voted and Resolved, That it be, and hereby is recommended to Edward Chinn, Esq. the Commissioner for settling the Continental Accounts in this State, to issue Certificates to the Inhabitants of this State in Compensation for the Damages they have sustained in their Houses or other Buildings, in Consequence of the American Troops being quartered in them during the late War, upon such Damage being duly and properly ascertained.

Recommendation to E. Chinn to issue Certificates for Buildings damaged.

It is Voted and Resolved, That it be, and hereby is recommended to Edward Chinn, Esq. Commissioner for settling Continental Accounts in this State, to allow to the Town of Providence Ninety-two Pounds Lawful Money, it being the estimated Damages done to the Brick School-House belonging to the said Town, improved by the United States as a Laboratory, &c. in the late War.

Recommendation to E. Chinn to allow Damages for Brick School-House Providence.

WHEREAS a Dispute hath arisen in the Town of Jamestown respecting the Assessors of Taxes chosen by the said Town for the Year 1785, and the Assessors chosen to assess the Tax ordered by this Assembly at the Session in August last :

Town of Jamestown to choose new Assessors.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Proceedings of the said Town of Jamestown in the choosing the said Assessors as well those chosen for the Year as those chosen to assess the aforesaid Tax, be, and the same are hereby declared null and void ; and that the Doings of the said Assessors respectively be also nullified.

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Town of Jamestown be, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to choose Assessors for the assessing the said Town's Proportion of the said Tax : That they make Return of the Assessment to the General-Treasurer on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of March Instant ; and that the General-Treasurer be directed to issue his Warrant to the Collector of Taxes for the said Town within Ten Days for the collecting the same.

WHEREAS Jeremiah Olney, Esq. presented unto this Assembly the following Return and Representation, to wit :

Representation of J. Olney respecting Officers who died in Service.

RETURN of all the Commissioned Officers from the State of Rhode-Island, who have been slain or died in the Service of the United States and the Widows or Orphans of such as have left any are entitled to receive Seven Years Half Pay, as allowed at the Time of their Decease, agreeably to a Resolve of Congress passed on the 24th Day of August, 1780, commencing from the Day of their Deaths respectively, and calculated on Compound Interest up to 1st March, 1786, to wit :

Names

| Names. | Rank. | Half Pay per Month. | When Killed or de- ceased. | Number of Years of Service. | Time for which the Pay is calculated. | Amount of Pay due. | Compound Interest due up to 31 st Day of March 1786. | Total Balance. | Remarks. |
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| <i>Amosur Mangford,</i> | Adjutant | £. 2 14 | 0 23 8 Aug. 1775. | 7 | Years 28 th Aug. 1782. | £. 226 16 | c. £. 107 0 | £. 333 16 10 | Killed with a Cannon Ball when the Army lay before <i>Bagin</i> . |
| <i>Stephen Sizer,</i> | Captain | 6 | 0 22 0 Oct. 1777. | 7 | 22 nd Oct. 1784. | 504 0 | c. £. 150 5 0 | 654 5 0 | Killed in the Action of Red Bank on the Delaware. |
| <i>Benedict Carpenter,</i> | Capt. Lieut. | 4 | 0 0 17 th Aug. 1776. | 7 | 27 th Aug. 1783. | 336 0 | c. 130 8 6 | 466 8 6 | Killed in Battle on Long Island. |
| <i>Nathan Hicks,</i> | Lieutenant | 4 | 0 0 23 rd June 1778. | 7 | 29 th June 1785. | 336 0 | c. 83 0 7 | 419 0 7 | Killed in the Battle of Monmouth. |
| <i>John Waterman,</i> | Lieutenant | 4 | 0 0 21 st Feb. 1778. | 7 | 31 st Feb. 1785. | 336 0 | c. 87 14 5 | 423 14 5 | Died of the Small-Pox at Valley Forge. |
| <i>Oliver Tarter,</i> | Lieutenant | 4 | 0 0 13 th May 1781. | 4 | 31 st Feb. 1786. | 192 0 | c. 18 17 8 | 210 17 8 | Died of a Fever at Philadelphia. |
| <i>David Johnson,</i> | Colonel | 11 | 5 0 14 th May 1781. | 4 | Years Pay and Interest allowed each at <i>Officer's</i> Station, 183. | | | | Killed by the Enemy at Forts-Mifflin, State of New-York. |
| <i>Edward Johnson,</i> | Lieutenant | 4 | 0 0 13 th Nov. 1780. | 7 | | | | | Died of a Fever on Rhode-Island. |
| <i>Elizabeth Platts,</i> | Major | 7 | 10 0 14 th May 1781. | 7 | | | | | Killed by the Enemy at Pains-Bridge in the State of New-York. |
| <i>William Jennings,</i> | Lieutenant | 4 | 0 0 23 rd May 1778. | 7 | | | | | Died of the Small-Pox at Valley Forge. |
| <i>Noah Allen,</i> | Lieutenant | 2 | 14 0 16 th Sept. 1786. | 7 | | | | | Drowned in an Action on Harlem Heights York Island. |
| <i>John Thomas,</i> | Ensign | 2 | 0 0 14 th Sep. 1776. | 7 | | | | | Drowned in the North River in an Attempt to burn the Enemy's Ships. |
| <i>Frederick Melbury,</i> | Ensign | 3 | 0 0 17 th May 1777. | 7 | | | | | Died of the Small-Pox in the Hospital at Coventry. |

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I, THE Subscriber, being solicited by several Widows of the unfortunate Officers contained in the above Return, to represent their respective Claims (to the Provision generously made and provided by Congress for their Relief and Support) to the Honorable General Assembly, therefore I have made a careful and particular Examination into their respective Claims, and in their Behalf beg Leave to submit the above Return containing all the Officers (belonging to the State of *Rhode-Island*) who have died in the Service of the United States, shewing the Balances due to each, amounting to the sum of *two Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Three Pounds three Shillings*, including Interest; for the Payment of which the State are requested to make Provision and charge the same to the Account of the United States, agreeably to an Ordinance of Congress passed on 24th August, 1780. Having been informed that the Son of the late Capt. *Sizer*, and also the Son of the late Lieut. *Wicks*, who are the lawful Heirs, are yet under Age, have therefore thought proper to submit for Consideration the Expediency of retaining the Balances due these Heirs till they become of lawful Age.

I HAVE the Honor to be, Gentlemen, your obedient humble Servant,
 JEREMIAH OLNEY,
 late Commandant of the *Rhode-Island* Regiment.

Providence, 3^d March, 1786.

WHICH being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Representation be received : That the General-Treasurer be directed to give his Note to the legal Representatives of the several deceased Officers whose Names are contained in the said Roll for the Balances due to them respectively, and the Interest thereon till the First Day of *April* next : That the said Notes bear Date the First Day of *April*, A. D. 1786, and be payable on Demand with Interest : And that the Secretary be directed to furnish the General-Treasurer with a Copy of this Roll and Resolve.

WHEREAS it is of the utmost Importance that the Accounts of this State with the United States be immediately adjusted :

R. J. Helme
to settle Public
Accounts.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq. be, and he is hereby appointed to prepare the said Accounts for Settlement : That he procure the necessary Papers and Vouchers for that Purpose, and attend with *Edward Chinn*, Esq. the Commissioner for settling the Accounts of the United States in this State, in the Adjustment thereof ; and that an adequate Allowance shall hereafter be made to the said *Rowse J. Helme*, for his Services in the Transaction of this Business.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for collecting and paying Tax postponed, into the General-Treasury the Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds* ordered at *August* Session last, be postponed to the First Day of *May* next : That Certificates for Pensions due to the Invalids up to the Thirty-first Day of *December*, A. D. 1785, inclusive, be received by the Collectors in Satisfaction of the Third Part of the said Tax, which by the Act of Appropriation thereof is to be satisfied with Teaming Certificates, or Silver or Gold : That all Interest which has been collected upon the said Tax be returned to the Persons from whom the same has been received ; and that no Interest be collected upon the said Tax until after the said First Day of *May* next : Any Thing in the Acts for granting the said Tax or appropriating the same to the contrary notwithstanding.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed to *Jeremiah Olney*, Esq. That *One Pound Seven Shillings* like Money be allowed to *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq. it being the Amount of their Accounts exhibited as Two of the Committee for inspecting Invalids, &c. and that the same be paid them respectively out of the General-Treasury.

J. Olney allowed £. 5 16s.
and *Rowse J. Helme* £. 1 7s.

WHEREAS Mr. *Paul Allen*, *Rowse J. Helme*, and *Jeremiah Olney*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Reports, to wit :

Report upon
Balances due
and Monthly
Allowances
made to divers
Invalids,

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February, 1786.

State of *Rhode-Island* and } To the Honorable General Assembly
Providence Plantations. } of the State aforesaid.

GENTLEMEN,

IN Conformity to the Appointment of your Honors at *October* last, we have given public Notice by Advertisement in the Newspapers, to all Persons resident within this State who have been disabled in the Service of the United States and are entitled to the Benefits of an Ordinance of Congress passed in *June*, A. D. 1785, to appear before us at the State-House in *Providence*, to be examined relative to their respective Disabilities and Sufferings : And agreeably thereto we have examined and given Certificates to Forty-six Invalids whose Monthly Pensions amount to *One Hundred and Ninety Dollars and One Third*, and have made out a List of their Names, Ages, and Descriptions, which we herewith present.—Captain *Thomas Arnold* having delivered to us his Commutation Notes amounting to *Twenty-four Hundred Dollars*, he is inrolled and his Notes are now upon the Table.—We have likewise made out a particular List of the arrear Wages due to divers Invalids with the Compound Interest thereon up to the Day they were severally inspected, amounting to *Six Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Nineteen Shillings*, which is contained in the Rolls,—as the Persons who have obtained Certificates have received them at divers Times and they bare different Dates, we think it expedient for the facilitating of the Business and rendering the Accompts more easily settled, to direct the General-Treasurer to pay them all up to a fixed Day, that their Quarterly Payments be uniform : All which is submitted by your Honors.

Paul Allen,
R. F. Holmes, } Committee.
Jeremiah Olney,

List

February, 1786.

List of Invalids resident in the State of *Rhode-Island*, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States during the late War, and are in Consequence thereof entitled to receive a Monthly Pension during Life, as affixed to their Names respectively, as a Compensation proportionate to their respective Disabilities and Sufferings while in Service of the United States, agreeably to an Ordinance of Congress passed in Favor of Invalids on the Seventh Day of *June*, 1785, viz.

| Names. | When injured. | Rank. | Pay per Month in Dollars. | Age | Regiment, Corps, or Ship in which they served. | Disability and the Reasons that occasioned it. |
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| <i>Benjamin Tompkins,</i> | 1785 15th Dec. | Marine. | 5 Dollars. | 27 | Sloop <i>Providence</i> commanded by <i>Capt. Hacker</i> . | Lots of the left Arm above the Elbow in an Action with a British Brig, on the 6th Day of May, 1779, per Certificate from <i>Capt. Hacker</i> . |
| <i>Edward Bennett,</i> | 20th Dec. | Private. | 5 | 35 | <i>Rhode-Island</i> Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Daniel Hitchcock</i> . | Lots of the left Arm above the Elbow, in an Action with the Enemy at <i>Harlem Heights</i> on <i>Bort-Island</i> , 16th Sept. 1776. |
| <i>Comfort Edg,</i> | 20th | ditto | 5 | 41 | <i>Rhode-Island</i> Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . | Lots of the Ufe of the right Arm, Foot and Leg, by Reason of a Contraction of the Cords of the right Knee when sick in Hospital, also a lame Back, by Reason of an Injury received in removing Cannon, &c. at the Head of <i>Elk</i> , in Sept. 1781. |
| <i>3ypho A. Richards,</i> | 20th | Corporal. | 3½ | 37 | <i>Rhode-Island</i> Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . | Lots of Part of all the Toes on the left Foot, by Reason of severe Frost when on the <i>Owego</i> Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Miller</i> , in Feb. 1784, also a Wound in the Knee in the Battle of <i>Springfield</i> , 23d June, 1780. |
| <i>Berevil Larnach,</i> | 20th | Sargeant | 4 | 39 | <i>Rhode-Island</i> Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . | Lots of the Ufe of the left Arm, by Reason of Fall from a Sleigh when on public Service, after Clothing for the Troops, from <i>Saratoga</i> to <i>New-York</i> , in the Month of January 1783. |
| <i>Francis Robertson,</i> | 20th | Private. | 4 | 36 | Corps of Invalids. | Lots of the Ufe of One Arm, by Reason of a Fall (which broke the Arm and renders it almost useless) when in the Regiment commanded by the late Col. <i>Christopher Greene</i> , in November, 1779. |
| <i>Brittain Saltonstall,</i> | 20th | ditto | 3½ | 21 | <i>Rhode-Island</i> Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . | Lots of all the Toes on the right Foot and One joint from each of the Toes on the left Foot, by Reason of severe Frost when on the <i>Owego</i> Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Miller</i> , in February, 1783. |
| <i>Jack Campbells,</i> | 20th | ditto | 3½ | 25 | <i>Rhode-Island</i> Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . | The lame Disability as the last mentioned, and on the same Expedition. |

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| <i>John Anthony,</i> | 12th | Private. | 4 | 23 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col <i>Jeremiah Olney.</i> | A bad Fever Sore in his Neck, which renders his Neck stiff, and his Back and Shoulders much deformed : This Sore was contracted when in Service in Feb. 1781 when sick in Hospital. |
| <i>Matthew Henry,</i> | 1786 3th Jan. | ditto | 4 | 36 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney,</i> | A very bad Rupture in his Groin which renders him incapable of obtaining a Livelihood by Labour, occasioned when on Fatigue in hacking Wood from the public Magazine to the Barrack in Philadelphia, in March, 1782. |
| <i>William Boylston,</i> | 3th | Sergeant | 3½ | 32 | 4th <i>Massachusetts Regt.</i> commanded by Col. <i>William Shepard.</i> | Loss of the Use of the left Arm occasioned by a Fever-Sore on the Elbow, in the Month of Oct. 1779, which stiffened the Joint and withered the Arm and Hand, per Certificate from Brigadier-General <i>Gleason</i> 20th Sept. 1780. |
| <i>George Lawson,</i> | 12th | Private. | 4½ | 25 | State Regiment commanded by Col. <i>John Coates.</i> | Loss of left Foot and a bad Wound in the Wrist and left Hand which stiffens the Hand and renders it almost useless, occasioned by a Cannon Shot from a British Ship when on Duty at <i>Fogland Ferry</i> , 10th January 1777, per Certificate from Colonel <i>John Coates.</i> |
| <i>Job Greenman,</i> | 12th | ditto | 4 | 43 | State Regiment commanded by Col. <i>William Ham Richmond.</i> | Loss of the Use of the left Knee and Leg, occasioned by a Wound received in a Skirmish with the Enemy on the Island of Providence in Jan. 1776, per Certificate from Col. <i>William Barton</i> who then commanded the Party. |
| <i>John Sleeman,</i> | 12th | ditto | 5 | 30 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>David Angell.</i> | Loss of the left Leg, occasioned by a Wound received in an Action with the British at <i>Connecticut Farms</i> in New-Jersey, 7th June, 1780. |
| <i>Prince Taughb,</i> | 12th | ditto | 3½ | 22 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney.</i> | Loss of all the Toes on the right Foot and one joint from the Toes on the left Foot, by Reason of severe Frost when on the <i>Owego Expedition</i> , commanded by Colonel <i>Willis</i> , in February, 1783. |
| <i>John Armstrong,</i> | 12th | ditto | 2½ | 21 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney.</i> | Loss of one joint from the Toes of the right Foot, and the Toes of the left Foot considerably injured, by Reason of severe Frost when on <i>Owego Expedition</i> , commanded by Colonel <i>Willis</i> , in February 1783. |
| <i>Peter Barreux,</i> | 12th | ditto | 2½ | 30 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney.</i> | A fractured jaw, occasioned by a Wound received on the 14th October, 1781, in gallantly storming a British Redoubt in the memorable Siege of <i>York Town</i> in Virginia. |
| <i>Robert Piper,</i> | 12th | ditto | 4 | 35 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney.</i> | Disability in the left Shoulder, by Reason of a Wound received in Action with the British at <i>Springfield</i> in New-Jersey, 23d June, 1780, also loss of all the Toes on the left Foot and one joint from the Toes on the right Foot, by Reason of severe Frost, when on <i>Owego Expedition</i> , commanded by Colonel <i>Willis</i> , February 1783. |

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| <i>John Elliott,</i> | 19th | ditto | 2½ | 39 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Lygal Angell.</i> | Broken Hip, occasioned by a Fall when on Tratique for the Use of the Hospital, at Princeton, in New-Jersey, in December 1777, as per Certificate and Discharge from Col. <i>L. Angell</i> , 3d April, 1778, which renders him incapable of acquiring a Livelihood. |
| <i>Comfort Bishop,</i> | 19th | ditto | 3½ | 29 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jermiah Olney.</i> | Lots of the Use of the left Wrist and Hand, occasioned by a Sore gathering on the Wrist when under Inoculation for the Small-Pox at the Hospital in Philadelphia, in May, 1782, which has stiffened the Fingers and Wrist Joint. |
| <i>George Traugott,</i> | 26th | ditto | 3½ | 24 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jermiah Olney.</i> | Lots of all the Toes from the Right Foot, and the left Foot and Toes very much injured, by Reason of severe Frost when on the Olwego Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Wright</i> , in February, 1783. |
| <i>Anthony Fyler,</i> | 26th | ditto | 4 | 66 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jermiah Olney.</i> | Wounded in the Hip, by Reason of a Shell bursting in the Action of Red-Bank, 22d Oct. 1777, also a Wound received in the Ankle in the Action at Springfield, 2d June, 1780, likewise a broken Shoulder when on Fatigue on the March to Virginia, September 1781. |
| <i>Levi Caglar,</i> | 26th | ditto | 3 | 24 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jermiah Olney.</i> | Lots of all the Toes on the left Foot, and the Toes on the right very much injured, by Reason of severe Frost, when on the Olwego Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Wright</i> , in February, 1783. |
| <i>Jabez Pratt,</i> | 26th | ditto | 3½ | 64 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jermiah Olney.</i> | Old Age, rheumatic Complaints, and bodily Infirmities, also Seven Wounds received in the Battle of Monmouth, 28th June, 1778. |
| <i>William Emerson,</i> | Feb. 2. | ditto | 4 | 28 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jermiah Olney.</i> | Lots of all the Toes on the left Foot, and a bad Sore on the Ball of said Foot; likewise the Toes of the right Foot much injured, by Reason of severe Frost, on the Olwego Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Wright</i> , in February, 1783. |
| <i>Prince Greene,</i> | 3d | ditto | 4 | 39 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jermiah Olney.</i> | Lots of all the Toes, and the Feet very tender, by Reason of severe Frost, when on the Olwego Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Wright</i> , in February 1783. |
| <i>Simeon White,</i> | 10th | ditto | 4 | 57 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jermiah Olney.</i> | A broken Knee, which renders the Leg almost useless, occasioned by a Fall upon the Ice when drawing Provision for the Regiment at West-Point in the Month of December 1782. |
| <i>Ezrael Rhodis,</i> | 10th | ditto | 5 | 31 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jermiah Olney.</i> | Lots of the left Leg and left Hand by a Cannon Shot in the memorable Siege of York-Town, in Virginia, in October 1781. |

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| <i>Richard Hopkins,</i> | 11th | ditto | 2½ | 25 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> lame in the left Leg, occasioned by the Leg being broken by a Minut Ball in the Battle of Springfield, New-Jersey, 23d of June 1780. |
| <i>John Smith,</i> | 10th | ditto | 2½ | 48 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Israel Angell</i> . A broken Arm, occasioned by a Fall (near Newtown in Pennsylvania) when the March on Red-Bank in New-Jersey, in October, 1777, which renders the Arm weak and of little Use. |
| <i>Plato Webster,</i> | 17th | ditto | 4 | 41 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . Lots of all the Toes on the left Foot and Part of the Toes on the right Foot, by Reason of severe Frost (and the Sores have never been cured) when on the Oswego Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Willis</i> , in Feb. 1783. |
| <i>Daniel Box,</i> | 23d | Brig-Maj | 10 | 51 | By Brigade, commanded by Gen. <i>Furness</i> . The left Arm rendered useless, occasioned by a Fall from a Hoie in December 1776, when the Army was quartered at Nehamany Ferry in Pennsylvania, which Wound to fractured the Arm that several Pieces of the Bone have been extraded, and the Wound is still open and the Hand entirely useless. |
| <i>Joseph Tamer,</i> | 23d | Private. | 3½ | 30 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . A bad Rupture in the Groin, occasioned when on Fatigue building Huts at Morritown, in New-Jersey, in December 1779, which prevents him from acquiring a Livelihood by hard Labour. |
| <i>Plato McClannings,</i> | 23d | ditto | 3 | 28 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . Lots of one joint from two Toes on the right Foot, one joint from the great Toe of the left Foot, occasioned by severe Frost when on the Oswego Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Willis</i> , in February 1783, also a Rupture in the Groin. |
| <i>Abiel Weaver,</i> | 23d | ditto | 2½ | 54 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . Lots of the Sight of the left Eye, by Reason of an Inflammation settling in the Eye, occasioned by a bad Cold taken when on Sentry in a severe Snow Storm at Warren the last of December, 1778, and the left Hand being a little Frozen at the same Time, and has a lame Knee, by Reason of the Rheumatism. |
| <i>Richard Stephen,</i> | 23d | ditto | 5 | 31 | <i>Rhode-Island Regiment</i> commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . Lots of the left Arm in a Skirmish with the Enemy at Prince Bridge, State of New-York, 14th May, 1781, and several Wounds received in the Action of Red-Bank, 22d October 1777. |
| <i>Edward Pearce,</i> | 23d | Sargeant. | 5 | 39 | State Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Nobert Elliott</i> . Lots of the right Arm, in loading a Field Piece that went off by Accident, at Warwick, to give an Alarm on the 17th of April 1778, as per Certificate from Lieut. <i>Oiver Cog</i> of the same Regiment and Company. |

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| <i>Charles Scott,</i> | 23d | Private. | 21 | 27 | Major-Gen. Sullivan's Life-Guard. | Lame Hip, occasioned by a Wound received in Action with the British on Rhode-Island, 20th August 1778, which renders the Hip Joint stiff, and has drawn the Joint up in such a Manner as to shorten the right Leg about Five Inches, which renders it difficult for him to travel, the Ball in the Hip or Thigh, which has occasioned the Wound to break out several Times, per Certificate from Doctor <i>John Gould</i> and Capt. <i>Isaac Mann</i> , who commanded the Guard. |
| <i>William Parker,</i> | 23d | ditto | 4 | 69 | Rhode-Island Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney.</i> | A very bad Rupure in the Groin, occasioned by a Fall when on the March from Red-Bank to Mount-Holly, in November 1777, together with the Infirmities of old Age, which renders him incapable of obtaining a Livelihood. |
| <i>George Broadford,</i> | 23d | ditto | 2 | 28 | Rhode-Island Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Israel Angell.</i> | A lame Arm, occasioned by a Wound received in the Battle of Monmouth on 28th June 1778, which fractured the Bone and renders the Arm weak, and the Wound has several Times broken out, per Certificate from Doctor <i>McGarr.</i> |
| <i>Sir Richmond,</i> | 23d | ditto | 2½ | 68 | Corps of Invalids. | Worn out with old Age and bodily Infirmities, contracted when in the Army, which renders him incapable of acquiring a Livelihood by Labour. |
| <i>Richard Grant,</i> | 23d | ditto | 3 | 36 | Rhode-Island Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney.</i> | Lofs of all the Toes on the right Foot, and the Toes on the left Foot considerably injured, by Reason of severe Frost when on the Oswego Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Willis</i> , in February 1783. |
| <i>Guy Watton,</i> | 23d | ditto | 2½ | 33 | Rhode-Island Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney.</i> | Lofs of three Joins from the Toes of the right Foot, by Reason of severe Frost when on the Oswego Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Willis</i> , in February 1783. |
| <i>David Monk,</i> | 23d | ditto | 2½ | 67 | Rhode-Island Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney.</i> | Worn out with old Age and bodily Infirmities, and the rheumatic Complaint in his joints, contracted when in the Service, which renders him incapable of acquiring a Livelihood by Labour. |
| <i>Hazé McDougal,</i> | 23d | ditto | 2½ | 57 | Rhode-Island Regiment commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney.</i> | General Disability and bodily Infirmities, contracted while in Service, which renders him incapable of acquiring a Livelihood. |
| <i>Thomas Arnold,</i> | 1st March | Captain. | 20 | 44 | Rhode-Island Regiment commanded by the late Col. G. Greene. | Lofs of the right Leg in the Battle of Monmouth, 28th June 1778. |

1907. Dollars per Month.

Amount of Pensions due the following Commissioned, Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers who have been disabled in the Service of the United States (and now resident in the State of *Rhode-Island*) calculated with Compound Interest from the Date of their respective Discharges to the Time they were implected by the Committee appointed by the General Assembly for the Examination of the Invalids agreeably to an Ordinance of Congress.

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Which being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be accepted : That the General-Treasurer be directed to issue Certificates to the several Individuals named in the said Roll, agreeably to the said Abstract, to the Amount of their respective Pensions in Arrear to the last Day of December, A. D. 1785, inclusively : That he pay the said Individuals respectively their Pensions agreeably to the said Roll in future Quarterly : That the Secretary furnish the General-Treasurer and the Secretary at War with a Copy of the said Roll, Report, Abstract of Balances due, and this Resolve : And that the Certificates aforesaid be received in Payment of the Specie Part of the last State Tax pursuant to a Resolve of this Assembly.



An ACT for giving and granting to the United States in Congress assembled certain Imposts and Duties on foreign Goods imported into this State, and for the particular Purpose of paying the Principal and Interest of the Debt contracted in the Prosecution of the late War with *Great-Britain*.

Act vesting
Congress with
Power to levy
an Impost.

WHEREAS the raising Money sufficient to discharge this State's Proportion of the Debts contracted in Support of the late War with *Great-Britain*, in the common Mode of Taxation, appears to be impracticable; and as it is a Duty incumbent that the same should be justly discharged,

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That there be given and granted, and there hereby is given and granted, to the United States in Congress assembled, Power to levy and collect within this State, for the Use of the United States, for the special Purpose of paying off the Principal and Interest of the Debt contracted during the late War with *Great-Britain*, the following Duties upon Goods imported into this State, from any foreign Port or Island or Plantation whatever, that is to say :— Upon all Rum of *Jamaica* Proof, per Gallon 4-90ths of a Dollar ;— upon all other spiritous Liquors, 3-90ths ;— upon *Madeira* Wine, 12-90ths ;— upon all other Wines, 6-90ths ;— upon common Bohea Tea, per Pound, 6-90ths ;— upon all other Teas, 24-90ths ;— upon Pepper per Pound, 3-90ths ;— upon brown Sugar, per Pound, $\frac{1}{2}$ -90th ;— upon Loaf Sugar, per Pound, 2-90ths ;— upon all other Sugars, 1-90th ;— upon Melasses, per Gallon, 1-90th ;— upon Cocoa and Coffee, per Pound, 1-90th ;— upon all other Goods, a Duty of *Five per Centum, ad Valorem*, at the Time and Place of Importation ; to be collected under such Regulations as the United States in Congress assembled shall direct : Provided such Regulations do not extend so far as

to subject any Citizen of this State to be carried out of the same for Trial, or to compel him to answer to any Action without this State, or to deprive him of a Trial according to the usual and known Mode of Trials in this State, or to convict him criminally without a Trial by Jury, or his own free and voluntary Confession in open Court made, or to impose excessive Fines, or to inflict Punishments which are cruel or unusual, or to break open any Dwelling-House, Store, Ware-House, or other Building, at any other than in the Day-time, between the Rising and Setting of the Sun, or then without having a Warrant from one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Judicature, and issued upon the Oath of the Party requesting the same, particularly discriminating the Dwelling-House, Store, Ware-house; or other Building, and directed to the proper Officers to execute the same : And also provided, that the Trial on all Seizures and Questions under this Act shall be before the respective Courts of Common Pleas in the several Counties where such Seizures shall be made, according to the usual Forms of bringing and prosecuting Actions. And that in no Case a Forfeiture shall exceed the Goods seized, and the Vessel in which the same may be imported, with its Cargo.

AND it is further provided, That the Collectors of said Duties shall be appointed by this General Assembly, which Collectors, when so appointed, shall be accountable to and removeable by the United States in Congress assembled alone ; and in Case of the Death, Resignation, or Removal of any Collector, a Successor shall be appointed by this Assembly, and in the Recess thereof, *pro tempore*, by the Governor : And in Case the Governor or this General Assembly shall neglect to supply a Vacancy occasioned as aforesaid, for Thirty Days after Notice of such Vacancy, Power is hereby given to the United States in Congress assembled to supply and fill the same with some Freeholder and Citizen of this State, who has been commorant therein for Two Years or more previously to his said Appointment. *And provided also*, That none of said Duties shall be applied to any other Purpose than the Discharge of the Interest or Principal of the Debts contracted on the Faith of the United States for the supporting the late War ; and that an annual Account of the Proceeds and Application of the aforementioned Revenue shall be made out and transmitted to this State, distinguishing the Proceeds of each and every of the specified Articles, and the Amount of the whole Revenue received from each State, together with the Allowances made, and Perquisites to be received, by the several Officers employed in the collecting of the said Revenue.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be in Force and take Effect whenever the other States in the Union shall agree to the Impost aforesaid, to the Acceptation of the United States in Congress assembled. Provided however, and upon this express Condition, that no Duties shall be collected upon Articles imported into any State, upon which the said Duties have been paid in any other State ; nor shall any Duties be imposed by any one State upon the Citizens of another State, either upon imported Articles

cles having paid the Duties as aforesaid, or upon any Articles of the Growth, Produce or Manufacture, of the United States.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be in full Force for the Space of Twenty-five Years, from and after the Time it shall first take Effect, and no longer: Provided; that the Monies arising from the said Revenue, and other Monies that may be appropriated for the like Purposes, are not sufficient to discharge the said Principal and Interest before the said Term of Twenty-five Years expires.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That so much of an Act passed at February Session, A. D. 1785, entitled, "An Act laying a Duty upon imported Goods, and for collecting certain Taxes therein enumerated, for the Purpose of paying annually this State's Proportion of the National Debt, and furnishing the Treasury with Supplies for other Purposes," as lays Duties and Imposts upon Goods, Wares and Merchandise, imported into this State, from any foreign Port, Island or Plantation, be and the same is hereby repealed.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nathan Miller, Esq. be, and he is hereby empowered to receive Four Certificates issued by John Pierce, Esq. Commissioner of Army Accounts, in Favor of Capt. Thomas Arnold on the final Settlement of his Accounts, amounting to Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars; the said Thomas Arnold being put by his own Request upon the List of Invalids of this State, in Preference to the said Certificates, agreeably to a Resolution of Congress; and that the said Nathan Miller take a Receipt for the same.

N. Miller to receive T. Arnold's Certificates.

WHEREAS Mr. Ephraim Carpenter presented unto this Assembly the following Certificate, to wit:

General Treasurer to give a Note to E. Carpenter.

Newport, February 9th, 1786.

I CERTIFY that Ephraim Carpenter, of Providence, had of me a Note for this State's Money, amounting to Three Pounds Six Shillings and Ten Pence Three Farthings Lawful Money, No. 294, and dated April 1st, 1783, which Note the said Carpenter says that he hath lately lost.

Joseph Clarke, General-Treasurer.

Whom concerned.

WHICH being duly considered,

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to issue another Note to the said Ephraim Carpenter of the same Tenor and Date, and in Lieu of the Note aforesaid; that he pay Interest thereon in like Manner as upon other Notes; and that he stop the said original Note if brought to his Office for Payment.

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An Act suspend-
ing the Act
regulating
Trade.

An ACT suspending the Act regulating Trade and Commerce.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Act of this Assembly made and passed at the Session held in *October* last, entitled, "An Act regulating Trade and Commerce," be and the same is hereby suspended, until a similar Act shall have been passed by the Legislature of the State of *Connecticut*, and the executive Authority of this State shall have Notice thereof. That his Excellency the Governor, upon the Receipt of such Act, which may be passed by the Legislature of *Connecticut*, be requested, and he is hereby empowered, to issue his Proclamation, affixing and making known the Day on which the said Act hereby suspended shall begin to operate; having particular Regard to the Time when the Act of *Connecticut* shall be in Force. That during the Suspension of said Act, all former Laws relating to the said Trade, and the Duty and Impost thereon to be demanded, be and the same are hereby declared to be in full Force; and all Officers and others are to govern themselves accordingly.

Ordered, That a Copy hereof be transmitted to the Executive of *Connecticut*, and published in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers.



Lottery grant-
ed to repair a
Bridge over
Pawtucket Ri-
ver.

WHEREAS divers of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that heretofore this Assembly granted a Lottery for erecting a Bridge across *Pawtucket* River, near to *Furnace Unity* (so called :) That in the Course of the late War another Lottery was granted for repairing the said Bridge, which Lottery, by Reason of the rapid Depreciation of the Currency, proved ineffectual; that Sums of Money have been since contributed to the repairing the said Bridge by the Inhabitants contiguous; and that the same is now impassable for Carriages and will soon be ruined unless repaired: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to grant a Lottery to raise the Sum of *Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars* to repair the said Bridge, and to appoint *Jotham Carpenter*, of *Cumberland*, Esq. and Capt. *David Sayles*, of *Smithfield*, Managers of the same: Which being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted: That the said *Jotham Carpenter* and *David Sayles* be appointed Directors of the said Lottery, they giving Bond in double the Value of the Tickets, according to Law, for the faithful Performance of their Trust; and that no Expence accrue hereon to the State.

Lottery grant-
ed to build a
Meeting House
in Gloucester.

WHEREAS divers of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Gloucester* preferred a Petition unto this Assembly praying that a Lottery may be granted them for raising the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money

Money, for the Purpose of building a Meeting-House in the North Part of the said Town, and purchasing a Lot for the same, and also a small Lot for the Use of their Society commonly called "The old standing Baptists;" which Society is under the Care of Messieurs Edward Mitchell, John Winsor, William Bowen and Philemon Lynes: And that Messieurs Stephen Winsor, Arnold Smith, Martin Smith, and Jesse Smith may be appointed Directors of the same: And the said Petition being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is granted: That the said Persons be Managers of the said Library, they giving Bond agreeably to Law in a Sum double the Amount of the Sum which is to be raised by the Sale of the Tickets; and that no Expence accrue hereon to the State.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Ezekiel Hopkins*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, and examined by the Auditor, for his Attendance in settling the Account of *Joseph* and *William Wanton* with the State and their Creditors. *E. Hopkins* allowed £.7 4s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Nathan Miller*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited (which was examined by the Auditor) for his Attendance in adjusting the Accounts of *Joseph* and *William Wanton* with their Creditors and the State. *N. Miller* allowed £.7 4s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Daniel Mason*, it being the Amount of his Account for his Attendance in settling the Accounts of *Joseph* and *William Wanton* with the State and their Creditors. *D. Mason* allowed £.4 16s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Eighteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Joseph Dyer* for his Attendance on the Committee who settled the Estate of *Joseph* and *William Wanton*. *J. Dyer* allowed 18s.

WHEREAS *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq. Auditor, presented unto this Assembly a State of an Account of *David Howell*, Esq. and his Report thereon, as follows, to wit: State of *D. Howell's* Account.

THE State of Rhode-Island, &c. in Account with *David Howell*,—Dr.

To his Salary as Delegate from Nov.
12th, 1784, to Feb. 11th, 1785, inclu-
sive, is 92 Days, at 24s.

£.110 8 0

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| To Interest on the Balance, it being £.19 1s. from Feb. 11, 1785, to March 3, 1786, is 1 Year and 20 Days, | <div>141</div> | |
| To Balance due on the First Quarter, | <div>£.111 12 1</div> | 20 5 0 |
| To his Salary from Feb. 12th, 1785, to May 11th, following, inclusive, 89 Days, at 24s. | <div>106 16 0</div> | |
| To Interest on the Balance, it being £.15 9s. from May 11th, 1785, to March 3, 1786, | <div>0 14 11</div> | |
| To Balance due on the Second Quarter, | <div>£.107 10 11</div> | 16 3 11 |
| To his Salary as Delegate from May 12, 1785, to August 11, following, inclu- sive, is 92 Days, at 24s. | <div>110 8 0</div> | |
| To Interest on the above from August 12, 1785, to March 3, inclusive, is 6 Months 23 Days, | <div>3 13 7</div> | |
| To Balance due on the Third Quarter, | <div>£.114 1 7</div> | 114 1 7 |
| To his Salary as Delegate from August 12, 1785, to Nov. 18, following, inclu- sive, is 99 Days, at 24s. | <div>118 16 0</div> | |
| To Interest on the above from Nov. 18, 1785, to March 3, 1786, is 3 Months and 15 Days, | <div>2 1 7</div> | |
| To Balance due on the Fourth Quarter, | <div>£.120 17 7</div> | £.120 17 7 |
| To Doctor McKnight's Bill for Medi- cine and Attendance, | | 5 6 10 |
| To extra Expences in going from Tren- ton to Philadelphia to obtain Settle- ment of the Accounts of the State's short Levies (which is a Continental Charge) estimated at | | <div>6 0 0</div> |
| Balance due to D. Howell, | <div>£.282 15 0</div> | |
| Creditor. | | |
| By an Order on the Treasurer passed at October Session 1784, | <div>90 0 0</div> | By |

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| By Three Months Interest on £.90 | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| By Balance due on the First Quarter, | 20 | 5 | 0 |

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| By an Order on the Treasury passed at February Session, A. D. 1785, | 90 | 0 | 0 |
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| By Three Months Interest on £.90 | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| By Balance due on the Second Quarter, | 16 | 3 | 11 |

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| By Balance due on the Third Quarter, | 114 | 1 | 7 |
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| By Balance due on the Fourth Quarter, | 120 | 17 | 7 |
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| By Balance due D. Howell, | £.282 | 15 | 0 |
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Providence, March 3d, 1786.

EXAMINED the above Account and find it right charged and cast, and that there is a Balance due thereon of *Two Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money.

Thomas Rumreill, Auditor.

N. B. Interest due on an Order of Assembly for £.90 passed at *October* Session, A. D. 1784, from *November* 12, 1784, until paid: Interest due on an Order passed at *February* Session 1785, for £.90; from that Time until paid:

WHICH being duly considered;

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be allowed : That the Balance thereof being *Two Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings* Lawful Money be paid to the said *David Howell* out of the General-Treasury with Interest thereon until paid : That the said *David Howell* be empowered to draw Interest out of the General Treasury on an Order passed in his Favor at *October* Session, A. D. 1784, for £.90 from the 12th Day of *November*, A. D. 1784, until paid, and also on another Order passed at *February* Session, A. D. 1785, until paid ; and that a Grant made to him at last *October* Session for *One Hundred Dollars* be nullified.

WHEREAS *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq. Auditor of Accounts presented unto this Assembly a State of the Account of *William Ellery*, Esq. and his Report thereon as follow, to wit :

State of W.
Ellery's Account.

THE State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *William Ellery*,—Dr,

To his Salary as Delegate from Nov.
25, 1784, to Feb. 24, 1786, inclusive,
is 92 Days at 24/.

£.110 8 0

To Interest on the Balance of the First
Quarter, it being £.19 11/ from Feb.

25,

25, 1785, to *March* 3, 1786, is 1 Year
and 7 Days,

1 3 11

£.111 11 11

To Balance due on the First Quarter,

£.20 4 11

To his Salary as Delegate from *Feb.*
25, 1785, to *May* 24, following, in-
clusive, is 89 Days, at 24s.

106 16 0

To Interest on the Balance of the Se-
cond Quarter, it being £.15 9s. from
May 25, 1785, to *March* 3, 1786, is
9 Months and 7 Days,

0 14 2

£.107 10 2

To Balance due on the Second Quarter,

16 3 2

To his Salary as Delegate from *May* 25,
1785, to *Aug.* 24, following, inclu-
sive, is 92 Days, at 24s.

110 8 0

To Interest due thereon, from *Aug.* 25,
1785, to *March* 3, 1786, is 6 Months
and 10 Days,

3 9 11

£.113 17 11

To Balance due on the Third Quarter,

113 17 11

To his Salary from *Aug.* 25, 1785, to
Nov. 17, following, inclusive, is 85
Days, at 24s.

102 0 0

To Balance due on the last Quarter,

3 0 0

£.105 0 0

£.150 6 0

Creditor.

By an Order on the Treasury passed at
Oct. Session, 1784, for 300 Dollars,

90 0 0

By Three Months Interest on £.90

1 7 0

By Balance due on the First Quarter,

20 4 11

£.111 11 11

By an Order on the Treasury passed at
Feb. Session, 1785, for 300 Dollars,
(unpaid)

90 0 0

By Three Months Interest on £.90

1 7 0

By Balance due on the Second Quarter,

16 3 2

£.107 10 2

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| By Balance due on the Third Quarter, | 113 | 17 | 11 |
| By an Order on the Treasurer passed at October Session for £.30 (unpaid) | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| By ditto in Favor of <i>George Gibbs</i> ; | 75 | 0 | 0 |
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| | £.105 | 0 | 0 |
| To Balance due on the last Quarter, | | 3 | 0 |
| Balance due to <i>William Ellery</i> ; | | 147 | 0 |
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| | | £.150 | 0 |
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| Balance brought down; | | 147 | 0 |
| Cash paid for Medicine, | | 1 | 8 |
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| Balance, | | £.148 | 8 |

Providence, March 3d, 1786.

EXAMINED the above Account and find it right charged and cast, and a Balance due thereon of *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money.

Thomas Rumreill, Auditor.

N. B. Interest due to *William Ellery* on the Order in his Favor passed at *February* Session, for £.90 until paid, exclusive of the above Balance Interest due on an Order passed at *October* Session, 1785, for £.30 from the Date thereof until paid.

Which being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Account be allowed : That the Balance due thereon being *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money be paid to the said *William Ellery* out of the General-Treasury with Interest thereon until paid : That he be empowered to draw Interest on an Order passed at *February* Session, A. D. 1785, in his Favor for £.90, from the Date thereof until paid, and also on another Order passed at *October* Session in his Favor for £.30 from the Date thereof until paid.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of *Peleg Barker, junr.* praying that an Action commenced against him in the Name of the General-Treasurer for marrying Persons without due Publication may be withdrawn, be, and the same is hereby referred until the next Session of this Assembly.

P. Barker, junr.
Petition refused.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Ezek Hopkins, Rowse J. Helme, Daniel Mason* and *Nathan Miller*, presented unto this Assembly a State of an Account and their Report thereon as follow, to wit :

Report of the
Committee upon
*J. and W.
Wanton's* Es-
tate.

THE Estate of *Joseph and William Wanton* in Account with the
State of *Rhode-Island, &c.*—Dr.

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| To the Amount of the Notes and Accounts settled by the former Committee and allowed by the Assembly, and for which the General-Treasurer hath issued his Notes, | £.2057 | 3 | 9½ |
| To the First Grant to Captain <i>Samuel Sweet</i> by the Assembly, | 567 | 18 | 0 |
| To 2d ditto, | 283 | 19 | 0 |
| To Notes and Accounts allowed by the former Com- mittee and passed the Assembly not yet taken out by the Individuals, | 1192 | 17 | 0¼ |
| Balance in the Hands of the State | 1372 | 11 | 8½ |
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| | £.5474 | 9 | 6 |

Creditor.

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| By the Amount of the Sale of the <i>Prudence</i> Farm, £.5114 | 9 | 6 |
| By the Amount of the House in <i>Newport</i> sold Doc- tor <i>Senter</i> , | 360 | 0 0 |
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| | £.5474 | 9 6 |

AMOUNT of the Debts ascertained and settled by the Subscribers,
which are not yet passed by the Assembly :

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| <i>Joseph Belcher's</i> Balance of Account, | £. 32 | 16 | 1 |
| <i>Joshua Ingraham's</i> ditto, | 52 | 8 | 2 |
| <i>John Hadwen's</i> ditto, | 30 | 16 | 4 |
| <i>Thomas Eyre's</i> ditto, | 6 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Thomas Lyndsey</i> , | 1 | 17 | 2 |
| <i>Joseph Lopez</i> , Administrator for the Estate of <i>Aaron Lo-</i> <i>pez</i> , deceased, | 38 | 12 | 4½ |
| The Estate of <i>Thomas Richardson</i> , deceased, | 106 | 1 | 3 |
| <i>Rowland Robinson's</i> Balance, | 320 | 4 | 0½ |
| <i>Christopher Townsend's</i> ditto, | 0 | 13 | 7½ |
| <i>Jabez Champlin</i> , | 6 | 1 | 5½ |
| <i>Andrew Christy's</i> Balance of his Note and Account, | 167 | 8 | 10½ |
| <i>Benjamin Dunham</i> , | 0 | 6 | 6½ |
| <i>John Cooke's</i> Balance, | 28 | 6 | 4 |
| <i>William Gardner's</i> Estate, including <i>John Gardner's</i> Ac- count, | 31 | 4 | 11½ |
| <i>Nathaniel Bird's</i> Account, | 1 | 0 | 9 |
| <i>Gideon Sisson's</i> Account, | 17 | 3 | 0½ |
| <i>Robert Lillibridge</i> , | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Heirs <i>Robert Stoddard</i> , deceased, | 1335 | 6 | 8 |
| <i>Robert Stevens</i> , | 11 | 12 | 6 |
| <i>John Maltone's</i> Order, | 90 | 0 | 0 |
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| | £.2287 | 6 | 0¼ |

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| <i>John Brown's Balance,</i> | 28 | 12 | 5½ |
| <i>Henry Sowles's ditto,</i> | 44 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Nicholas P. Tillinghast,</i> | 1 | 8 | 6 |

N. B. These Three Accounts have never been transmitted to Mr. *Wanton*, but appear to be balanced by the Amounts exhibited.

The following were also exhibited to your Committee :

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| <i>Robert Ferguson's Bond with Interest;</i> | £.77 | 5 | 9 |
| <i>William Brown, Esq. Governor of Bermuda,</i> | 948 | 15 | 0 |
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| | £.1100 | 1 | 11½ |

WE the Subscribers being a Committee appointed to make a final Settlement of all the Accounts and Demands against the Estates of Messieurs *Joseph* and *William Wanton*, Absentees, and to enquire into and report the Circumstances of the said Estates, beg Leave to inform your Honors, that we, having transmitted to Mr. *William Wanton* the Accounts which we received which were not settled by the former Committee, and having received a State of the same from him, settled the same agreeably to his Statement thereof. We find that the former Committee settled and allowed Demands against the said Estates to the Amount of £.4001 17 9½, and of which the Sum of £.2909 0 9½ has been paid to the Creditors by the General-Treasurer's giving his Note, therefor : That the Sum of £.1192 17 0½ the Balance of the Accounts settled by the former Committee, the Creditors have not received the Treasurer's Notes for the same: The Demands we have adjusted and allowed and which we now present amount to the Sum of £.2287 6 0½. There are Accounts exhibited to the Amount of £.1100 1 11½ which is out of our Power to determine upon, and are submitted to this Assembly for their Consideration. We find that the Estates belonging to the said Absentees, consisting of a Farm upon *Prudence* Island and a House in *Newport*, sold for £.5474 9 6 only ; and that the Estates sold are not sufficient to pay the Demands against said Estates which have been allowed by the former and your present Committee by a Deficiency of £.814 14 4 exclusive of the Costs the State have been at in confiscating the same and paying Committees, &c. We find also by some of the Accounts and Claims, that there are Balances due to the said Estates, but we imagine it will be almost impossible to collect the same, unless the Debtors are so honest as to pay the same without a Law-Suit. There still remains unsold of the said Estates a Farm upon *Jamestown* of about 140 Acres, *Gould-Island*, and the House and Wharf in *Newport*, all which said Estates are in a very ruinous Condition. Mr. *Joseph Wanton* left a Widow and an Infant Son who is now about years old who claim the Compassion of this Assembly. All which is submitted by your Honors obedient Servants,

Ezek Hopkins,
R. J. Helme,
Daniel Mason,
Nathan Miller.

AND the said Report being duly considered,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be, and hereby is accepted : And that the General-Treasurer be directed to pay to the several Individuals named in the said Report, or their legal Representatives, the several Balances reported to be due to them as aforesaid, amounting in the Whole to *Two Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds Six Shillings* Lawful Money, by giving his promissory Notes for the same; payable on Demand with Interest.

A. Hopkins allowed £.9 17s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nine Pounds Seventeen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Asa Hopkins*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, and which was examined by the Auditor, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State, &c.

E. Bowen, jun. allowed £.24 5/11. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty-four Pounds Eight Shillings and Eleven Pence* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Ephraim Bowen, jun. Esq.* Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Attendance on this Assembly, for Wood, &c. furnished for the same and the several Courts, for distributing the Schedules, and for divers repairs done to the State-House, &c. in the said County, the said Account having been previously examined by the Auditor.

Inferior Court *Washington*, further adjourned. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace within and for the County of *Washington*, which stands adjourned to the second Monday in *March* Instant, be and the same is hereby further adjourned to meet at *South-Kingson* on the fourth Monday of said *March*; and that Appeals therefrom be carried to the Term of the Superior Court in the said County in *April* next.

J. Carter allowed £.4 1/8. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Four Pounds One Shilling and Six Pence* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. John Carter*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for printing done for the State, the same having been examined by the Auditor.

E. Thompson allowed £.15 12s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fifteen Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasurer to *Ebenezer Thompson, Esq.* it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Services in examining, stating, and posting up this State's Account against the United States, the same having been examined by the Auditor.

R. Gardner & Estate restored in Case. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Estate of *Mr. Richard Gardner*, Collector of Taxes in the Town of *South-Kingson*, lately purchased at Vendue in Behalf of this State, be restored to him on his paying into the

the General-Treasury on or before the 25th Day of March Instant, the whole Amount of Taxes in which he is in arrear with the General-Treasurer : And if he shall make Default in paying the same into the General-Treasury within the said Time, that *Rosse J. Helme*, Esq. lease the said Estate for the ensuing Year, taking sufficient Security for the Payment of the Rent.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House, &c. *B. Bourne* allowed £.3 16s 6d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds Four Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry Sherburne*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Deputy-Secretary. *H. Sherburne* allowed £.4 4s

It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Thomas Rumreill*, Esq. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Auditor of Accounts. *T. Rumreill* allowed £.3 12s

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *James Manning* and *Nathan Miller*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby empowered to draw Three Hundred Dollars each out of the General-Treasury ; and that they account for the same as Delegates. *J. Manning* and *N. Miller* to draw 300 Dollars each.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of Providence be, and he is hereby directed to cause the Windows in the upper Rooms of the State-House, in the said County to be so fixed that the upper Parts of the same may slide down, in order to give Air in the said Rooms. Sheriff of Providence County to alter the Windows of the State House

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Henry Bowen*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter. *H. Bowen* allowed £.1 16s

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry Bowen, jun.* for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter. *H. Bowen, jun.* allowed £.1 16s

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Daniel Branch* for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter. *D. Branch* allowed £.1 16s

B. Frye's Account referred to E. Chinn,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Account of Mr. Benjamin Fry presented unto this Assembly for the Use of his House as an Hospital for inoculating Col. Christopher Greene's Regiment in the Year 1778, &c. be, and the same is hereby recommended to Edward Chinn, Esq. Commissioner for public Accounts in this State for Settlement.

Proceedings where Petitions are pending stayed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Proceedings, for the Staying whereof Petitions are pending before this Assembly, be and the same are hereby stayed until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session, unless the said Petitions shall be previously tried.

Adjournment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum in the Town of Providence in Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the Second Monday in March Instant, then to convene at the State-House in East-Greenwich, in the County of Kent.

GOD save the United States of AMERICA!

A true Copy, duly examined :

W I T N E S S,

Henry Ward Secy

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and held (by Adjournment) at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Second *Monday* in *March*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, and in the Tenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM GREENE, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

THE HONORABLE

JABEZ BOWEN, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

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| <i>WELCOME ARNOLD</i> , Esq; | } Assistants. |
| <i>THOMAS WELLS</i> , Esq; | |
| <i>JOSEPH RUSSELL</i> , Esq; | |
| <i>RICHARD SEARLE</i> , Esq; | |
| <i>GIDEON MUMFORD</i> , Esq; | |
| <i>WILLIAM HAMMOND</i> , Esq; | |
| <i>GIDEON CLARK</i> , Esq; | |
| <i>THOMAS G. HAZARD</i> , Esq; | |
| <i>JOHN COOKE</i> , Esq; | |
| <i>JOHN SMITH</i> (of Gloucester) Esq; | |

T H E S E C R E T A R Y.

D E U T I E S

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esquire, Speaker.

NEWPORT :

Henry Marchant, *Esq*;
 George Champlin, *Esq*;
 John Topham, *Esq*;
 Mr. Peleg Clarke,
 Mr. Daniel Mafon.

PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq*;
 Mr. Paul Allen,
 Charles Keene, *Esq*;
 Jeremiah Olney, *Esq*;

PORTSMOUTH :

Mr. Elijah Cobb,
 Mr. James Allen,
 Mr. Benjamin Brownell,
 Mr. Stephen Borden.

WARWICK :

John Warner, *Esq*;
 Mr. Benjamin Remington,
 Benjamin Arnold, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Stafford.

WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;
 Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHORHAM :

Mr. Edward Hull.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. Ezekiel Gardner,
 Mr. John Allin.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Rowse J. Helme, *Esq*;
 Mr. Rowland Brown.

EAST-GREENWICH :

Archibald Cray, *Esq*;
 Benjamin Tillinghaft, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN :

Rowland Robinfon, *Esq*;

SMITHFIELD :

Mr. Stephen Arnold,
 Daniel Mowry, *jun. Esq*;

SCITUATE :

Rufus Hopkins, *Esq*;
 William West, *Esq*;

GLOUCESTER :

Daniel Owen, *Esq*;
 Mr. Seth Hunt.

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq*;
 James Congdon, *jun. Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Tillinghaft, *Esq*;
 Mr. Stutely Hudfon.

COVENTRY :

Israel Bowen, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Green.

EXETER :

Mr. Job Wilcox,
 Mr. Michael Dawley.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. James Potter.

BRISTOL :

Mr. Speaker.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Joseph Barker.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. William Ladd,
 Mr. William Brown.

WARREN :

Nathan Miller, *Esq*;
 Robert Carr, *Esq*;

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. Abner Lapham,
 Mr. John Gould.

RICHMOND :

Mr. James Sheldon,
 Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

Mr. William Field,
 Mr. Israel Gorton.

HOPKINTON :

Abel Tanner, *Esq*;
 Thomas Wells, *Esq*;

JOHNSTON :

Mr. Isaac Fisk.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Esek Hopkins, *Esq*;
 Mr. Edward Smith.

BARRINGTON :

None.

FOSTER :

Mr. John Williams,
 John Westcott, *Esq*;

BENJAMIN BOURNE, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS divers Petitions were received by this Assembly at the last Session and referred: And whereas the Time of the Adjournment was so short that Citations and Notifications could not be issued according to Law: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all the Petitions so received be further referred to the next Session; and that Bonds be given, and Citations and Notifications issue thereon, in the same Manner as if such Petitions had been received at the present Session.

WHEREAS *Esek Hopkins* and *John Smith*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable the General Assembly, at *June* Session, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three, to examine into the Matter of *Rufus Thornton* and *William Burlingame*, of this State, have examined into the same, and report, that the said *Rufus* and *William* were in the Service of this State, and were taken Prisoners in the Brigantine *Washington*, commanded by *Sion Martindale*, by the *Fowey*, a British Ship, and carried to *England*: That they were gone from Home near Five Years before they could return; and it is our Opinion that they are justly entitled to receive Pay of this State for their Service.

ESEK HOPKINS,
JOHN SMITH.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted: And that the said *William Burlingame* and *Rufus Thornton* be allowed and paid *Twenty-four Pounds*, lawful Money, each, out of the General-Treasury, it being the Amount of One Year's Pay, and in full Compensation for their Services.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Four Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Doctor *Peter Turner*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for Medicine and Attendance upon *John Lowell*, a poor Prisoner, committed to the Gaol in the County of *Kent*, at the Suit of the State.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of *Ebenezer Adams*, late a Major in this State's Regiment of Artillery, preferred unto this Assembly, representing that Reports had been circulated injurious to his Character as an Officer, and praying that an Enquiry may be made into his Conduct, be referred to *Rowse J. Helme*, *Jeremiah Olney*, and *Archibald Cray*, Esquires; and that they enquire into the same and report thereon.

WHEREAS Messieurs *John Jenckes* and *Paul Allen*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

IN

Petitions received at the last Session further referred.

Report upon the Petition of *R. Thornton* and *W. Burlingame*.

P. Turner allowed £14s.

E. Adams's Petition referred to a Committee.

Report of a Committee who called on the Executors of *P. Tappan*.

IN Obedience to our Appointment by the Honorable the General Assembly, to call upon the Executors of the last Will and Testament of *Paul Tew*, Esq; for certain Papers belonging to the State, do report, That we have received out of the Hands of the said Executors, all the Papers which respect the State; among which is a Deed given by the said *Paul Tew*, in his Capacity as Sheriff, to the Honorable *Stephen Hopkins*, Esq; of a Farm in *Gloucester*; likewise the said *Hopkins's* Accounts, for building the Gaol in *Providence*, and other Charges; which Accounts do not appear to have been settled, and we suppose ought to have been cancelled by the Purchase of the said Farm, as that was the Property of the State: Your Committee think that those Accounts ought to be settled. We also find a Deposit taken by the said *Paul Tew*, of the real Estate of *John Andrews*, Esq; opposite the Church, in *Providence*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three, Principal and compound Interest amounting to *One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds*. All which is submitted by your Honors most obedient Servants,

JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.
PAUL ALLEN, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That the said *John Jenckes* and *Paul Allen* be, and they are hereby appointed, to settle the Accounts of the said *Stephen Hopkins* with the State; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

H. Smith allowed £ 3
16s 6d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Six Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mrs. Hannab Smith*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Kent*, it being the Amount of an Account by her exhibited, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the State, &c.

Committee to re-examine the Claim of *A. Oliver* on the Estate of *P. Oliver*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Rowse J. Helme*, *Jeremiah Olney*, and *John Innis Clark*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to re-examine the Claims of *Andrew Oliver*, Esq; upon the Estate of *Peter Oliver*, an Absentee, as reported to this Assembly, at the Session in *December*, A. D. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three.

Committee to prepare a Bill making Estates liable for Debts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *George Champlin*, *John Jenckes*, *Rowse J. Helme*, *Benjamin Bourne*, and *John Warner*, be, and they are hereby added, to the Committee appointed at the last Session, to prepare a Bill making Estates liable for Debts.

Committee to prepare a Bill laying an Excise.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Joseph Russell*, *Henry Marchant*, *Jeremiah Olney*, *Rufus Hopkins*, *Daniel Owen*, *Israel Bowen*, and the Attorney-General, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to draught an Act, laying an Excise on certain Articles in such Act to be enumerated; and that they report as soon as may be.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor Governor to be, and he is hereby requested, to transmit to the Secretary of send the Abstract of disabled Officers and Soldiers to the Secretary of Congress a Copy of the Roll of the Officers and Soldiers disabled in the Service of the United States, during the late War, as reported by a Committee at the last Session, with a Copy of the Report of said Committee: And that his Excellency also inform the Secretary of Congress of the Provision which this Assembly has made for the paying such disabled Officers and Soldiers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Four Shillings and B. Clap allowed £. 3 4s. 6d. Six Pence, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. Barnabas Clap, Town-Serjeant of the Town of Little-Compton, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for the Expences, &c. of himself and Aid in committing Benjamin Head to the Gaol in the County of Newport.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Rowland Robinson and Thomas Rumreill, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to treat with Mr. Jerathmeel Bowers, for a Lot of Land, suitable for a Garden to be annexed to the Light-House; and that they survey the same, and report their Doings to this Assembly at the next Session. Committee to procure a Garden for the Light-House.

WHEREAS the Town-Council of the Town of North-Kingstown M. Boone allowed £10. preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that Samuel Boone, jun. an Absentee, when he joined the Enemy, left Margaret, his Wife, and several small Children: That his said Wife has since become sick, and not able to support herself and Children: That this State having taken Possession of the Estate of Samuel Boone, sen. Father to the said Samuel Boone, the said Town-Council petitioned this Assembly, at the Session in December, A. D. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, praying for an Allowance for the Support of the said Margaret, when agreeable to the Report of a Committee, Ten Pounds for that Year was allowed to be paid into the Town-Treasury of North-Kingstown out of the Rents of the said Estate: That the said Allowance has been continued yearly ever since, up to the Twenty-fifth Day of March, A. D. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five: That the said Margaret still continues in a miserable Condition, has her youngest Child with her, and is a real Object of Charity: And thereupon the said Town-Council prayed that the said Grant may be continued for the Support of the said Margaret the present Year: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted; and that the Sum of Ten Pounds, lawful Money, be paid to Benjamin Davis, Esquire, Town-Treasurer of the Town of North-Kingstown, to and for the Use of the said Margaret.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nebemiah Knight, Esquire, be, N. Knight and he is hereby appointed, a Manager of the Lottery granted to Manager of W. West's Lottery.
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William West, Esquire, in the Room of *Thomas Holden*, Esquire, who has resigned that Trust.



An ACT vesting the United States in Congress assembled with the Power of regulating Trade and Commerce, both foreign and domestic.

Act empow-
ering Con-
gress to re-
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Trade.

BE it *Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That the United States in Congress assembled be, and they are hereby empowered, to prohibit any Goods, Wares, or Merchandize from being imported into or exported from this State in Vessels belonging to, or navigated by the Subjects of any Power, with whom the United States have not formed, or shall not form Treaties of Commerce.

BE it further Enacted, That the United States in Congress assembled be, and they are hereby empowered, to prohibit the Subjects of any foreign State, Kingdom or Empire, unless authorized by Treaty, from importing into this State any Goods, Wares or Merchandize, not the Produce or Manufacture of the Dominions of the Sovereigns whose Subjects they are.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the United States in Congress assembled be, and they are hereby invested, with the Power of preventing any and every of the United States from imposing any Duty or Impost on Goods, Wares or Merchandize, when transported from one State to another, either by Land or Water. Provided however, That all Acts of the United States in Congress assembled, in Pursuance of the above Powers, be assented to by Nine States; and that all Acts of Prohibition as aforesaid, made by the United States as aforesaid, shall extend to and have the same Effect in all the States. And provided also, any Thing in the preceding Act to the contrary notwithstanding, that this Act or any Part thereof shall not have any Force or Operation, unless the United States shall be invested with the like Power of preventing Imposts and Duties being laid on the Trade and Commerce between the several States as aforesaid.

AND be it further Enacted, That this Act shall continue in full Force, for the Space of Fifteen Years next, after the same shall be put in Execution by the said United States.



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An ACT for encouraging the Growth of Hemp and Flax, within this State.

WHEREAS it is of great Importance to this State to encourage the Growth of all raw Materials, more especially of those that supply Cloathing to the Inhabitants, and Duck and Cordage, for carrying on Commerce : And encouraging the Growth of Hemp and Flax.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That a Bounty of One Penny, lawful Money, shall be allowed and paid for each and every Pound Weight of good merchantable Hemp and Flax, that shall be raised in this State, in the Years One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, and One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven.

AND it is further Enacted, That when any Inhabitant of this State shall have got out his Hemp or Flax fit for Market, he may apply to any Justice of the Peace or Warden, in the Town in which he resides, to inspect the same : That such Justice or Warden shall thoroughly examine and inspect such Hemp or Flax, and upon finding it good and merchantable, cause it to be weighed in his Presence ; and shall then require such Person to take an Oath or Affirmation, that the same was raised by him in that Year, within this State : That thereupon such Justice or Warden shall give to such Person a Certificate in the Form following, *to wit :*

I *A. B.* of *C.* in the County of *N.* being requested by *E. F.* of the same Town of *C.* to inspect a Quantity of (Hemp or Flax, as the Case may be) having viewed the same, do certify that the said *E. F.* hath raised — Pounds Weight of good merchantable (Hemp or Flax) in the present Year, within this State ; to the Truth of which the said *E. F.* hath made Oath (or affirmed) before me.—
Witness my Hand and Seal, this — Day of —, *A. D.* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty—.

For which Certificate such Justice or Warden shall receive of the Owner of such Hemp or Flax *One Shilling*, lawful Money : And that the General-Treasurer, and Collectors of Taxes, shall receive all such Certificates in the Payment of all Taxes appropriated for the Use of this State.



WHEREAS *William Colvil*, a Prisoner in the Gaol in the County of *Newport*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that on the Complaint of a Woman for an Assault and Abuse he was committed to the said Gaol : That at the Term of the Superior Court in the said County in *March* Instant, he was convicted of the Crime charged against him, and sentenced by the said Court to pay as a Fine the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, and Costs of Prosecution, and to be sent out of the State, &c.

to stand committed till the said Sentence be performed: That he is poor and unable to pay either Fine or Cost: And thereupon prayed this Assembly for Relief: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *William Colvil* be immediately transported out of this State: That if he ever return into this State he be whipped at the public Post Thirty-nine Lashes, and be confined in close Gaol in the County where he may be found until the Sheriff of such County (who is hereby empowered and directed to do it) can again transport him out of the State: And that it be the Duty of the Justices of the Inferior Court and Justices and Wardens of the Peace in the County to cause this Resolve to be carried strictly into Execution.

Committee
to sell Part
of *J. Wanton's*
Estate.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Esek Hopkins*, *Daniel Mason*, and *Caleb Gardner*, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to sell the Estate on the Point in *Newport*, late belonging to *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esquire, and since confiscated to the Use of the State: That the same be sold at Public Vendue for Gold or Silver or the Securities of this State, carrying Interest: That the said Committee cause the said Sale to be notified in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers: And that the General-Treasurer convey, by Deed of Warranty to the Purchaser, all the Right and Title which the said *Joseph Wanton* had in the same when confiscated, on the Purchaser's Compliance with the Conditions of Sale.

Guns to be
delivered to
E. Hall, *G. James*, and
E. James.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Town-Treasurer of the Town of *Richmond* be, and he is hereby directed, to deliver to *Ebenezer Hall*, *George James*, and *Ezekiel James*, each a Musquet or Gun, equal in Value to the Guns mentioned in the Certificates by them exhibited for Guns lost, in the Expedition on *Rhode-Island*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight; and that the same be delivered out of the Guns in his Possession belonging to the State.

Report upon
W. Blodget's
Account,
and he al-
lowed £.520
15s. 9d.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Esek Hopkins*, *Jeremiah Olney*, *John Jenckes* and *George Champlin*, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account and their Report thereon, to wit:

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| State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c. in Account with <i>William Blodget</i> , Dr. | | |
| 1786. | To my Pay as Major in the Army, from the 1st January, 1777, to 31st December, 1780, being 48 Months, at £. 15, | £. 720 0 0 |
| 1778. | To paid <i>John Reynolds</i> , per Receipt, £. 24 | 3 19 4 |
| Sept. | 3s. 4½d, liquidated is | |
| 1777. | To paid <i>Charles Young</i> , per Receipt, £. 9, | 1 14 6 |
| March. | liquidated is | |
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| 1776. | By Cloathing received of <i>Clement Biddle</i> , £. | 14 | 16 | 0 |
| 1777. | By Ditto <i>Charles Young</i> , D. C. G. at <i>Boston</i> , | 24 | 10 | 6 |
| 1778. | By Ditto received of <i>John Reynolds</i> , | 27 | 3 | 4½ |
| 1781. | By received of Pay-Master-General of the Army, in nominal Pay, from <i>January 1, 1777, to December 31, 1780</i> , liquidated monthly, | 138 | 8 | 2½ |
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| | | £. | 204 | 18 1 |
| Balance due <i>William Blodget</i> , | | | 520 | 15 9 |
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| | | £. | 725 | 13 10 |
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WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee by the Honorable General Assembly, at the last Session, to examine into the Claims of Major *William Blodget*, for Depreciation on his monthly Pay while in the Service of the United States, as an Aid-de-Camp to Major-General *Greene*, and if his Claims should appear to be well founded, to make an Adjustment of his Accounts upon the same Principles that the Accounts of other Officers under similar Circumstances have been settled, and to ascertain the Balance that shall be found due, beg Leave to report, That we find the Claims of the said *William Blodget* to be well founded by Resolves of Congress herewith exhibited; and that we find upon Settlement of his Account, a Balance of *Five Hundred and Twenty Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence*, due to the said *William Blodget*, agreeable to the Statement of the above Account. Which is submitted by your Honors obedient Servants.

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| <p>ESEK HOPKINS, JEREMIAH OLNEY, JOHN JENCKES, GEORGE CHAMPLIN,</p> | } | Committee. |
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Providence, 11th March, 1786.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted: That the said Balance of *Five Hundred and Twenty Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed: And that the General-Treasurer give his Note to the said *William Blodget* for the same, payable on Demand, with Interest from the First Day of *January, A. D.* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one.

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| WHEREAS the Auditor presented unto this Assembly a State of | State of |
| an Account, and his Report thereon, as follow, <i>to wit</i> : | <i>Jenckes and Bowen's Ac-</i> |
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| | the Sale of |
| | the Powder- |
| | Mill. |

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March, 1786.

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with Messieurs *Jenckes* and *Bowen, Dr.*

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| To our Commissions on £. 71 1s, at 5 per Cent. | £. 3 11 0 |
| To Balance carried to <i>Jabez Bowen's</i> private Account, | 67 10 0 |
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| | £. 71 1 0 |

Creditor.

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| By Sales of Powder-Mill Seat and House thereto } belonging, | £. 60 0 0 |
| By 1 Pair of Pot-Ash Kettles, | 5 2 0 |
| By 4 C. oqr. 16lb. of old Iron, at 29s, | 5 19 0 |
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| | £. 71 1 0 |

Providence, March 10, 1786.

Errors excepted,
Per JENCKES and BOWEN.

East-Greenwich, March 15, 1786. Examined the above Account, and find it right cast; and find the Balance due thereon is credited the State in the Account of the Honorable *Jabez Bowen, Esquire.*

THOMAS RUMREILL, Auditor.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

State of *J. Bowen's* Account. WHEREAS the Auditor presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, and his Report thereon, *to wit* :

The State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Jabez Bowen, Dr.*

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| 1785. To paid <i>William Wheaton</i> , for Work done at the Salt-Petre House, omitted in my Account against the State, | } | £. 1 0 0 |
| 1786. } To paid Honorable <i>David Howell's</i> Bill <i>Jan. 12.</i> } of Exchange in Favour <i>Thomas L. Hal-</i> <i>sey</i> , which Sum Mr. <i>Howell</i> has account- ed for in his Settlement with the State, | | |
| To Cash paid <i>Joseph Clarke, Esq;</i> General-Treasurer, as per Receipt, | } | 30 0 0 |
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| | | £. 65 6 3 |
| Balance due to the State, | | 2 13 9½ |
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| | | £. 68 0 0½ |

Creditor.

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| 1785. } <i>June.</i> } | By Balance, as per Settlement, | £. 0 10 0½ |
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March, 1786.

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| By Balance for neat Proceeds of Powder-Mill Estate. | } £. 67 10 0 |
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| | £. 68 0 0½ |

Providence, March 10, 1786.

Errors excepted,
Per JABEZ BOWEN.

East-Greenwich, March 15, 1786. Examined the above Account, find it right cast, and that the Balance due on the Account of Messieurs *Jenckes* and *Bowen* for the Sale of the Powder-Mill Seat, &c. is credited therein; and that there is a Balance due thereon to the State of *Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Nine Pence Halfpenny*, lawful Money.

THOMAS RUMREILL, Auditor.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted: And that the said Sum of *Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Nine Pence Halfpenny*, be paid by the said *Jabez Bowen* into the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirteen Pounds Eight Shillings D. Tilling- and Nine Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the *half* allowed General-Treasury, to *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esquire, it being in full £. 13 8s 9d. for Two Hundred and Fifteen Pounds of *English* Cheese, supplied the Troops in this State, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, as appears by the Certificate of *Matthew Manchester*, then Commissary; and that the same be charged to the United States.

WHEREAS divers of the Inhabitants of the Towns of *Warwick* A& respect- and *Cranston*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, praying that ing the Fish- the Laws now in Force respecting the Fishery in *Pawtuxet* River ery in *Paw- tuxet* River. may be altered, &c.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Au- thority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That so much of a Law passed in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-seven, as re- stricts the setting and drawing of Seines in any Part of *Pawtuxet* River below the Falls thereof be, and the same is hereby repealed: That the A&t passed in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-five, respecting the setting and drawing of Seines, so far as respects the said *Pawtuxet* River in common with other Rivers, be, and the same is hereby revived and declared to be in Force: And that in future it be, and hereby is permitted, to fish in the said River with Seines below the Falls thereof, Four Days in each Week, agreeably to the said last mentioned A&t.



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An ACT for encouraging the Growth of Sheep within this State.

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BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That a Bounty of One Shilling, lawful Money, per Head, be given for all Sheep that are One Year old and upward, that are owned and kept within this State, to the Proprietors thereof annually, for the Term of Two Years, from and after the last Monday in June next : That the Owners or Possessors of such Sheep shall appear before the Town-Clerk of the Town where such Sheep are kept, on the said last Monday of June in each Year, with a Certificate from Two of their Neighbours, being Freeholders, who shall prove, to the Satisfaction of the Town-Clerk, that he, she or they, were actually possessed of such and so many Sheep within this State, on the Wednesday preceding the said last Monday in June, as they claim the Bounty upon ; on which Day such Sheep as shall be then declared to shall be numbered : That thereupon such Town-Clerk shall give to such Person a Certificate, with the Names of the Vouchers, ascertaining the Number of Sheep by him owned or possessed, and that he is entitled to receive out of the General-Treasury the aforesaid Bounty : Which Certificate shall be received by the General-Treasurer and Collectors of Taxes, in Payment of any State Tax ordered to be collected and paid into the General-Treasury.

AND it is further Enacted, That if any Person owning or possessing Sheep shall, at any Time hereafter, find among his Sheep any Ram or Rams, between the Tenth Day of September and the Twentieth Day of November in each Year, he shall have full Liberty to castrate such Ram or Rams, and the same shall be forfeited. And the Owner or Possessor of the Sheep, where such Ram or Rams shall be found, shall have the same valued by Two Freeholders of the Town where they are kept, and shall pay One Half of the Sum they shall be valued at into the Town-Treasury of such Town, which being done, such Ram or Rams shall be his Property.

AND it is further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons shall, within the aforesaid Term of Two Years, kill or cause to be killed, or sell to any Butcher or other Person for that Purpose, any Lamb or Lambs, he shall be excluded from receiving the aforesaid Bounty on any of the Sheep he may possess.

AND it is further Enacted, That no Person shall be permitted to drive any Number of Sheep or Lambs from one Part of this State to another, without a Certificate from the Person to whom the same shall belong, or be purchased from, declaring therein the Number and Marks of such Sheep or Lambs, under the Penalty of Three Shillings per Head, for each Sheep or Lamb so driven without such Certificate, to be recovered by Complaint or Information, before any Justice of the Peace or Warden where the Offence shall be committed ;

mitted ; one Moiety thereof to the Prosecutor, and the other to the General-Treasurer, for the Use of the State.

It is Ordered, That this Act be published in the *Newport and Providence News-Papers*.



WHEREAS *Edward Kitchen Wolcott*, of *Brookline*, in the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that this Assembly did at the Session in *October*, *A. D.* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, receive the Report of a Committee appointed to ascertain his Claim, in Right of his Wife to One Quarter Part of the Point-Farm (so called) which Committee reported, that the said One Quarter was his Property : That this State and he held the said Farm as Tenants in common ; and that he was entitled to One Quarter Part of the Rents thereof : That this State, for the Years One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five and One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, received *Eight Hundred Dollars* per Year, for the Rent of the said Farm : And thereupon prayed this Assembly that he may have an Order for One Quarter Part of the Rent for the said Two Years ; and that a Committee may be appointed to ascertain the Remainder due to him.

Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Marchant*, *Rocuse J. Helme*, and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and to ascertain the Rents which were paid to the State before the said *Edward K. Wolcott's* Part of the said Farm was assigned him by the State ; and that the said Committee make Report as soon as may be.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty-four Pounds Three Shillings and Five Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Joseph Whitmarsh*, it being for Sixteen Weeks Service in recruiting in the Years One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six and One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, agreeable to a Resolution of Congress ; and that the said Sum be charged to the United States.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to examine and adjust certain Accounts exhibited against the State by *Jacob Greene* and Company, have represented that it is inconvenient for them to proceed on the said Business, and have declined accepting their Appointment : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *John Innis Clarke*, Esquire, and Mr. *Paul Allen*, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to examine and adjust the said Accounts ; and that they report as soon as may be.



An ACT for making real and certain enumerated Articles of personal Estate, at an appraised Value, liable under certain Restrictions for the Payment of Debts upon Execution.

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WHEREAS from the present Scarcity of circulating Cash, in Proportion to the Demands of Commerce, Revenue and Debts, it hath become impracticable, in many Instances, for the honest Debtor to discharge his Contract in Specie, when pressed by Execution: And whereas it is the Intent of Legislation to protect the Citizens of this State in their personal Liberty, and in their Property, so far as is consistent with Honour and good Faith: And whereas it frequently happens that great Distress arises to Individuals and their Families, from the Sale of Property at public Vendue to satisfy Creditors, whereby the Product usually bears a small Proportion to the real Value: And whereas it is become necessary to encourage Industry, and to give the honest Debtor Time to pay his just Debts, and to satisfy the Demands of his Creditor, by substituting real Estates, and certain specific Articles in the Lieu of Specie:

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That real and personal Estates, within this State, shall be liable for the Payment of Debts under the following Restrictions and Regulations, *to wit*: First. Whereas it sometimes happens that Individuals, who are possessed of large real and personal Estates, are sued, and their Bodies taken in Execution, and they are committed to Gaol, where they remain restrained of their personal Liberty, and have sufficient Estates to discharge their Debts: Wherefore,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That every Debtor in Gaol upon Execution at the Suit of any Creditor may be discharged, upon tendering unto the Creditor, when the Creditor resides in this State, or to his Agent or Attorney, when the Creditor resides out of this State, real Estate, or the following specific Articles of personal Estate, *to wit*: Neat Cattle, Sheep, good merchantable new-milk Cheese, good merchantable Butter in Firkins, good merchantable salted Beef or Pork in Barrels, good merchantable pickled Mackarel or Codfish, good merchantable dried Codfish, good merchantable Wheat, Rye, *Indian* Corn, Barley, Oats, Flour or Rice, good merchantable Sole-Leather, Sheep's Wool in Fleece, merchantable dressed Flax, Vessels launched, all Kinds of *West-India* Goods, *New-England* Rum, Duck, Cordage or Hemj, Bar-Iron, Steel and Nails, the Manufacture of this State, to be valued and appraised as hereafter mentioned: But in Case the Creditor, or his Agent or Attorney, when the Creditor resides out of the State, shall refuse to accept such Kind of Satisfaction, then and in that Case it shall and may be lawful for the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize
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and General Gaol-Delivery, or Court of Common Pleas, next sitting in the County wherein the Fact shall happen, to discharge such Debtor, upon his first paying all the Interest due upon the said Judgment, from the Time the same was obtained until the Time of Discharge, and all Costs : And such Judgment shall remain as a Debt on Interest against him.

AND whereas it frequently happens that Individuals, who are possessed of large real Estates, are sued, and their Bodies taken in Execution, and committed to Gaol, where they remain without endeavouring to make any Provision for the Payment thereof, in Discharge of themselves, by paying their just and legal Debts : Wherefore,

BE it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That where any Debtor, possessed of a real Estate, hath been committed to Gaol upon Execution at the Suit of any Creditor, and hath remained there Three Months or more, and shall refuse to have his real Estate assigned and set off for the Payment of the Debt, it shall and may be lawful for the Creditor or Creditors to make Application either to the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, or to the Court of Common Pleas, in the County where such Debtor stands committed, and to request that such Debtor's real Estate be set off for the Payment of the Execution or Executions, by Appraisal, as is hereafter expressed : And thereupon the Court shall direct the Debtor to be brought before them ; and if he shall refuse or neglect to comply therewith, they shall discharge such Debtor, and assign and set off his real Estate unto such Creditor or Creditors, in the same Manner as when Debtors tender the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for any Creditor, who hath obtained Judgment against any Debtor, to levy his Execution on the real or personal Estate of such Debtor ; and thereupon, if the Debtor shall tender unto the Creditor any of the aforesaid specific Articles in Discharge of the Debt, they shall be appraised and set off unto the Creditor in Satisfaction of the said Execution, in Manner as hereafter directed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whenever and so often as it shall happen that the Body of any Debtor is taken in Execution, it shall and may be lawful for the Debtor to tender to the Creditor, if he resides within this State, and if he resides without it to his Agent or Attorney, real Estate or personal Estate of the before enumerated Articles, to be appraised and set off in Discharge of such Execution, in Manner as hereafter directed. And if such Creditor, or such Agent or Attorney, shall refuse to accept such Kind of Satisfaction, it shall and may be lawful for the Court to which the same Execution is returnable to Discharge such Debtor from such Execution, upon his paying the Interest thereof from the Time Judgment was obtained until the Time

Time of Discharge, and all Costs : And the Debt shall remain good against the Debtor, to be discharged with Interest in a future Day.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whenever an Execution is levied on the real Estate of the Debtor, and he shall not within Thirty Days, then next following, tender unto the Creditor, or, when the Creditor lives out of the State, to his Agent or Attorney, any of the before enumerated Articles, to be appraised in Satisfaction of the Debt, and to exonerate his real Estate, then such real Estate shall be answerable for the Debt, to be appraised in Manner as hereafter directed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That for the Valuation or Appraisement of real and the before enumerated personal Estate, the Parties may agree in Writing to Three Men to be Appraisers ; but if they cannot agree, then the Court of Common Pleas, if in being, in the County where such real or personal Estate lieth, shall appoint three good and judicious Persons who are not related to either Party to appraise the same : And in Case such Court is not in being, then the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas nearest the Creditor shall appoint, by Warrant under his Hand and Seal, three good and judicious Persons, who are not related to either Party, to appraise the Estate tendered or to be appraised, according to the Value thereof in prompt Payment in Gold or Silver : which Appraisal shall be made by the Appraisers under Oath, and according to their best Judgment, without Favour or Affection ; and if of real Estate, having due Regard to the Right of Dower : Which Valuation shall be returned in Writing, signed by the Appraisers, or the major Part of them, to the then or next succeeding Court, from which such Execution issued, having put the Creditor in Possession of the Property set off : And which Valuation, or a Copy thereof, if of a real Estate, describing the same by Metes and Bounds, being registered in the Town-Clerk's Office of the Town where the Estate lieth, shall be full Evidence of Title in the Creditor.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case the nearest Justice is related to either of the Parties, the next nearest Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, not related, shall appoint the Appraisers in Manner as aforesaid ; and so in subsequent Order where the Judges are related.

AND be it further Enacted, That for the future, from the Time of serving any Writ on mesne Process upon any Debtor as aforesaid, the real Estate of the Debtor shall be held liable until the Debt be paid : Provided a Copy thereof be lodged in the Clerk's Office of the Town where the Estate lieth, immediately after serving the same.

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AND it is further Enacted, That real Estates shall not be set off for a less Sum than *Fifteen Pounds*, unless the Parties agree thereto.

AND be it further Enacted, That if it shall be made plainly to appear to the Court, upon any Application as aforesaid, that the Debtor hath been guilty of any fraudulent Practices, in changing the Nature of his Property, thereby to render the Debt less secure, he shall not have any Benefit from this Act.

AND it is further Enacted, That if the Creditor and Debtor cannot agree upon the Situation of the real Estate to be set off, the Appraisers shall decide thereon and set off the same; and their Decision shall be conclusive upon the Parties.

AND be it further Enacted, That if the Parties do not both agree with the Appraisers on the Allowance for their Services, the Court or Justice which may respectively appoint such Appraisers, shall determine on such Allowance as may be deemed reasonable: And that *Three Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed to the Judge for his Appointment of Appraisers, his Warrant, swearing the Appraisers, and determining their Allowance as aforesaid.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where any real Estate now remains deposited for the Satisfaction of Executions, the Sale of such real Estate shall be postponed Nine Months, from the Time such Estate was saleable by the original Conditions of Deposit.

PROVIDED always, That it shall and may be lawful for the Creditor to discharge such real Estate, and take out an alias Execution for the Amount of such Judgment, with Interest from the Time the same was obtained, and Costs: And in Case any Part of such Judgment shall be discharged, said alias Execution shall issue for the Residue: And such alias Execution shall be served and levied in the same Manner as though no Deposit had been made; and the Clerks of the several Courts shall be empowered and directed, on the Application of the Creditor or his Attorney, to issue alias Executions accordingly.

PROVIDED always, That if the Sale of such deposited Estate shall be postponed as aforesaid for Nine Months, then and in that Case such Estate shall be sold at public Vendue, agreeable to the Conditions of the Deposit, at the Expiration of the said Period, if the Principal and Interest of such Judgment shall not be previously discharged.

AND be it further Enacted, That if any Debtor, whose real Estate shall be set off and transferred to the Creditor as aforesaid, shall, at the End of Twelve Months, pay to such Creditor, if he resides in this State, or to his Attorney, if he resides out of it, the Principal Money, with the lawful Interest, for which such Estate

was transferr'd, thereupon such Creditor shall immediately deliver Seisin and Possession of such real Estate to the Debtor, and acknowledge under his Hand and Seal to have received full Satisfaction for his said Judgment, and Interest : And that the Debtor thereupon cause said written Acknowledgment to be registered in the Town-Clerk's Office, where the Appraisement, &c. were recorded as aforesaid ; which shall re-invest the Debtor with all the Right and Title which he had in the same, when transferred as aforesaid to the Creditor.

AND it is further Enacted, That if the Creditor shall neglect or refuse to re-convey such Estate as aforesaid, thereupon it shall and may be lawful for the Debtor to prefer a Complaint to a Special Court of Common Pleas, to be called for that Purpose, for the Release of such Estate ; upon which Complaint being preferred, and the Amount of such Judgment, Interests and Costs, being lodged by the Debtor in the Clerk's Office, such Special Court shall cause a Writ of Execution to be issued in Favour of such Debtor, directed to the Sheriff of the County where such Estate lieth, or his Deputy, requiring him to cause Seisin and Possession of such Estate to be delivered to the Debtor : That such Writ of Execution be returnable in the same Time as other Executions are made returnable to Special Courts ; and that the Creditor also pay all Costs attending such Complaint.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is further Enacted, That nothing in this Act shall extend to Sheriffs or others, in Cases of Special Courts, nor to criminal Proceedings, nor to Costs when Plaintiffs fail in their Suits, nor to Costs in real, mixed or personal Actions, nor to Mortgages.

AND it is further Enacted, That for the Satisfaction of all Executions, issuing from any Warden's or Justice's Court it shall and may be lawful for the Debtor to set off any Kind of personal Estate, to be appraised as aforesaid, provided the Creditor will not agree to postpone such Execution for the Space of Six Months, from the Time when said Execution shall be returnable : And if such Creditor shall consent to postpone such Execution for said Time, he shall be entitled, at the Expiration thereof, to an Execution *de novo* for the original Judgment, and lawful Interest thereon.

AND it is further Enacted, That for the Appraisement of personal Estate, set off for the Satisfaction of Executions from Justices Courts, the eldest Justice of the Peace or Warden, in the Town where such Judgment shall be obtained (in Case the Parties do not agree upon the Appraisers) shall appoint the Appraisers to be engaged and appointed as aforesaid : And in Case such Justice or Warden shall be related, then the next eldest Justice or Warden not related shall appoint and engage such Appraisers ; and that the Justice or Warden shall be allowed *One Shilling and Six Pence* for his Service, and shall determine on the Allowance to be made the Appraisers for their Service.

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AND it is further Enacted, That no wearing Apparel, Beds, or other necessary Articles of household Furniture, or necessary Utensils for Husbandmen or Mechanics, shall be levied on by any Execution whatsoever; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND it is further Enacted, That this Act shall remain in Force for one Year, and no longer.

ORDERED, That the Secretary cause Copies of this Act to be published in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fourteen Pounds Six Shillings and *Three Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Zephaniab Andrews*, it being in full Satisfaction (agreeable to the Report of the Committee) of an Account by him exhibited, for Work done upon the State-House Parade in *Providence*, &c. Z. Andrews allowed £. 14 6s 3d.

WHEREAS *Joseph Noyes*, of *Westerly*, Esquire, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that in the late War he was employed by the State to purchase Beef for the Army, then in great Want of Provisions: That not being supplied with a Sufficiency of Money funded on real Estate to pay for the same, he was induced, from the Necessity the Army was in, to give his own Note of Hand to Messieurs *George* and *Samuel Sheffield*, both now of *Stonington*, in order to procure the said Supplies: That after repeated Applications for the Money, he was obliged to take a Certificate, which would not take up his Notes: That he is sued, and Execution is now against him for *One Hundred and Six Pounds*: And thereupon prayed that he may have an Order upon the General-Treasurer for the said Sum: That the said Execution may be stayed till the Money can be obtained; and that the same may be indorsed on a Note he holds against the State for the Payment of the said Provisions: J. Noyes' Petition granted.

WHICH being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay unto the said *Joseph Noyes* the said Sum of *One Hundred and Six Pounds*, and cause the same to be indorsed on the said Note: And that the said *Joseph Noyes*, in Case an alias Execution issue upon the said Judgment, be not committed to Gaol thereon, until the Return Day of Executions at the Inferior Court to be holden in *Washington* County in *August* next.

WHEREAS *Thomas Waterman*, of *Coventry*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that in *December* last one *John Lowell*, a transient Person, acknowledged that he had stolen a Horse from him, before a Justice, and was thereupon committed to Gaol in the County of *Kent*: That the said *John Lowell* has since broke T. Waterman's Petition granted.

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Gaol, and left him to pay the Cost arising upon the Prosecution, amounting to *Four Pounds Eighteen Shillings*; and thereupon he prayed for Relief:

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Sum of *Four Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid to the said *Thomas Waterman*, out of the General-Treasury.

Report upon C. Slocum's Estate. WHEREAS Messieurs *George Champlin* and *John Topham* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

WE being, by the Honorable General Assembly, appointed a Committee to ascertain the Amount of the Money received in the General-Treasury, on Account of the Estate of *Charles Slocum*, deceased, and likewise the Demands against the said Estate, in Obedience to our Appointment we have examined the Treafurer's Books, and find that *Beriab Brown*, Esquire, paid the General-Treafurer, the Ninth of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, *Four Hundred and Twenty Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, Continental Money, on Account of the Estate of the said *Charles Slocum*. The Demands against said Estate are noted below. Which is submitted by your Honors most obedient Servants,

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
JOHN TOPHAM.

Newport, February 20, 1786.

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| <i>Deborah Hunter's Account,</i> | £. | 12 | 13 | 6 |
| <i>Christopher Allin's Note of Hand, 28th April, 1775,</i> | | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| <i>Robert Wicks's Account,</i> | | 20 | 19 | 8 |
| <i>Ichabod Holly's Demand for counterfeit Money,</i> | | 19 | 4 | 6 |
| <i>Ladowick Updike's Account for Rent of his Farm,</i> | | | | |
| from <i>March, 1776, to March 25, 1778, is Two</i> | | | | |
| <i>Years, at £. 98,</i> | £. | 196 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Credit by Mr. Updike,</i> | | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 180 | 0 |
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| | | | £. | 235 13 8 |

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Town-Council of the Town of *North-Kingstown*, on Application to them made, may grant Letters of Administration on the Estate of *Charles Slocum*, to such Person as shall be entitled to the same agreeable to the Laws of this State: That all the Estate of the said *Charles Slocum*, which has been sequestered to the Use of this State be relinquished and surrendered up to his legal Representatives: And that the same, after deducting the Expence of Sequestration and Prosecution which has accrued to the State, be paid to the Administrator who shall be appointed as aforesaid to be distributed agreeable to Law.

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WHEREAS *Caleb Gardner*, of *South-Kingstown*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he became indebted to the State for the Hire of the Point-Farm : That from the great Scarcity of Money he has not been able to discharge the same, and that Execution is now out against him : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly that he may have Liberty to satisfy the said Execution with the General-Treasurer's Notes, given for Money funded upon real Estate :

C. Gardner's
Petition
granted.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted : That the said *Caleb Gardner* have Liberty of discharging the Debt of the said Execution, due unto the State, in the Notes which were issued by the General-Treasurer for the Bills emitted in *June, A. D.* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty, funded upon real Estate ; and that the Interest cease upon the said Notes from the Time the Money became due unto the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty-two Pounds Three Shillings and Eight Pence Halfpenny*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Asa Hopkins*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence* ; it being, agreeable to the Report of the Committee, in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited for Materials furnished and for Work done upon the State-House Parade, in *Providence*, and also for repairing the said Gaol, &c.

A. Hopkins
allowed £. 32
3s 8½d.

WHEREAS *George Hunt*, of *Gloucester*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that at the Term of the Superior Court held in *Providence*, in *March, A. D.* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-three, he, with Four others, were convicted of being concerned in a Riot in said *Gloucester*, and sentenced by the said Court to remain in Gaol till the Costs should be paid : That by the Indulgence of this Assembly he was liberated, on giving his Note to the General-Treasurer for his Part of the said Costs, payable in Twelve Months : That he has used his utmost Endeavours to discharge the said Note, but has been unable to accomplish it : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly that he may be permitted to discharge the said Note in this State's Securities, in like Manner as was allowed to *Rufus Harris*.

G. Hunt's
Petition
granted.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted : That the Note which the General-Treasurer hath against the said *George Hunt* be cancelled on his paying the Amount thereof in this State's Notes ; and that no Interest be allowed on the said Notes since the said Sentence was passed against him.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Twenty-seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Five Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Ephraim Bowen, jun. Esquire*, Sheriff of

E. Bowen,
allowed £. 27
17s 5d.

of the County of *Providence*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, and examined by the Auditor, for his Fees on divers Executions, his Attendance on this Assembly and the several Courts in the said County, &c.

Southwick and Barber allowed £. 2 19s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Two Pounds Nineteen Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Messieurs *Southwick* and *Barber*; it being the Amount of an Account by them exhibited for Printing done for the State.

S. Ayrault allowed £. 20 13s 3d. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twenty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Three Pence*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Stephen Ayrault*; it being the Amount of the Rent of his Lot in *Tiverton* and his Farm in *South-Kingstown*, received by the State.

Report upon *T. Brand's* Account, and he allowed £. 77 7s 4½d. WHEREAS Mr. *Thomas Brand* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for repairing *Pawcatuck* Bridge, which was referred to a Committee who reported as follows, to wit:

WE the Subscribers being appointed to adjust the said Account have examined the same, and find that there is a Balance of *Seventy-seven Pounds Seven Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny*, lawful Money, due unto the said *Thomas Brand*. Which is submitted by your obedient Servants,

DANIEL OWEN,
R. J. HELME,
JOS. STANTON, jun.

March 14, 1786.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Balance of *Seventy-seven Pounds Seven Shillings and Four Pence Halfpenny*, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Thomas Brand*, out of the General-Treasury.

G. Hazard allowed to visit his Son. WHEREAS *George Hazard*, jun. Son of *George Hazard*, who is now a Prisoner for Debt in *South-Kingstown*, lieth now very ill, and his Life is despaired of: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *George*, the Father, be permitted, under the Care of the Sheriff of the County of *Washington*, or one of his Deputies, to repair to the House of *Mumford Hazard*, where the said *George*, the Son, is, and there to remain in Custody as aforefaid, so long as such Officer shall think the Principles of Humanity require.



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An ACT laying Duties of Excise on certain Articles therein described.

WHEREAS it is highly essential, and an Object of the first Attention, that public Faith and Credit should be supported, and to that End that effectual Provision be made for the Payment of the public Debts, by establishing permanent Funds for that Purpose: And in order that the Creditors of this State may have the fullest Confidence in the Securities they hold upon the Treasury of this State:

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BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That from and after the Sixteenth Day of May next, there shall be paid, on the Articles herein after enumerated, the Duty or Excise to them respectively herein affixed, to wit:

For every Gallon of *Madeira Wine*, *One Shilling and Four Pence*.

For every Gallon of other Wine, *One Shilling*.

For every Gallon of foreign Rum, *One Shilling*.

For every Gallon of foreign distilled Spirits, *One Shilling*.

For every Gallon of *New-England Rum*, *Four Pence*.

For every Gallon of *New-England* distilled Spirits, *Three Pence*.

For every Pound of *Bohea Tea*, *Six Pence*.

For every Pound of other *India Tea*, *One Shilling*.

For every Pound of Coffee, *One Penny*.

For every Pound of Cocoa, *One Penny*.

For every Pound of imported Chocolate, *Four Pence*.

For every Pound of Loaf Sugar, *One Penny*.

For every Pound of other Sugar, *Half a Penny*.

For every Box of Lemons containing Four Hundred, *Four Shillings*; and so in Proportion for a greater or less Quantity: Excepting that an Allowance of *Ten per Centum*, upon all the aforesaid excised Liquors, and brown Sugar, shall be made for common and ordinary Wastage.

AND it is further Enacted, That from and after the said Sixteenth Day of May next, every Person that shall import into this State, by Land or Water, any of the excised Articles herein before enumerated, or to whom any such Articles may be consigned, shall be,

be, and hereby is prohibited, from selling the same, or any Part thereof, without having a Permit so to do from the Collector of Excise, or his Deputy: And every Person possessing or owning any of them, and every Person distilling or manufacturing any of the said excised Articles, shall be, and they hereby are prohibited, from selling the same, or any Part thereof, from and after the said Sixteenth Day of May next, without a Permit so to do from the Collector of Excise, or his Deputy, on Forfeiture of a Sum, not less than *Twenty*, nor more than *Forty Pounds*, and the Value of the Articles so sold; saving that those Persons who are licenced agreeable to Law may sell spirituous Liquors, any Thing herein to the Contrary notwithstanding: That the Collector and his Deputy shall be, and they are hereby empowered and required, to grant to every Person applying for the same, and offering Security therefor, a Permit in Writing, for selling all or any of the excised Articles herein before enumerated (except Wine, Rum, and other Spirits distilled, in less Quantity than Ten Gallons) for a Term not exceeding Twelve Months from the Date thereof, on Penalty of *Twenty Pounds*, to and for the Use of the Person making Application: That the Permit for Liquors shall be in the Form following, *to wit*:

You *A. B.* of *C.* in the County of *D.* are hereby permitted to sell Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirits, or any of the said Liquors, within the County of *D.* until the — Day of —, *A. D.* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty—, in a Quantity not less than Ten Gallons, to be delivered at one Time, pursuant to an Act of the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* Dated at —, this — Day of —, *A. D.* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty—.

Collector of Excise for the County of —.

THAT a Permit of the like Form, *mutatis mutandis*, shall be granted for the other excised Articles aforesaid: That for each of the said Permits the Collector, or his Deputy, shall be entitled to *Six Pence*, and no more; and the like Sum for a Certificate given by him: That every Person applying to the said Collector, or his Deputy, for a Permit, shall give Bond to the said Collector, with one or more Sureties living within this State, in a Sum not exceeding *One Thousand Pounds*, and not less than *Fifty Pounds*, that he will render an Account, on Oath, of the Kind and full Quantity of all excised Articles, that shall be by him or any Person in his Behalf sold, or any Way disposed of or delivered; and that he will pay the Excise by Law arising thereon (except as herein after is excepted) at the End of every Six Months, to the Collector, or his Deputy, during the Continuance of his Permit: And if such Person shall neglect or refuse to give such Bond, the Collector, or his Deputy, shall not be obliged to grant him a Permit; any Thing herein contained to the Contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person hereafter licenced to be a Taverner, Innholder, or Retailer
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of any Wine, Rum, or Spirits distilled, shall, on such License being granted, give Bond to the said Collector, or his Deputy, with one or more Sureties, in Manner as aforesaid, conditioned that they shall keep and render such Accounts, and pay such Duties, as are by this Law required : That no Taverner, Innholder or Retailer, shall hereafter be licensed, until he or she shall have rendered an Account upon Oath, and paid the Duties to the Collector, or his Deputy, agreeable to this Act, upon all the excised Articles by him or her sold, or any Way disposed of, and shall produce the Collector's Certificate thereof, who is hereby required to give such Certificate, upon the Payment of the Duties, without demanding any Fee therefor : And if any Person, now licensed as a Taverner, Innholder, or Retailer, shall not apply for, or shall not obtain his or her License, at the next usual Time of granting License in the Town in which he resides, and shall neglect or refuse to render an Account as aforementioned, and pay the Duties to the Collector, or his Deputy as aforesaid, he or she, thus refusing or neglecting, shall forfeit and pay a Sum not less than *Fifty Pounds*, nor more than *Two Hundred Pounds*, to be sued for and recovered by the Collector, in any Court proper to try the same, for the Use of this State.

BE it further Enacted, That every Retailer of Rum, Wine, and other distilled Spirits, Taverner and Innholder, shall, on the said Sixteenth Day of *May*, take a just Account in Writing of all the Rum, Wine, and other Spirits distilled, then by him or her in his or her Possession : That every Person who shall, after the said Sixteenth Day of *May*, be licensed to be an Innholder or Retailer, or be permitted to sell any of the excised Articles herein before enumerated, shall take a like Account of all Wine, Rum, and other Spirits distilled, and of all other excised Articles herein before enumerated, by him or her, or in his or her Possession, at the Time of such License or Permit being granted ; and shall make a fair Entry, in a Book to be by him or her kept for that Purpose, of all excised Articles herein before enumerated, which he or she, or any Person or Persons for him or her, shall buy, distil, manufacture, import, take in or receive, after such first Account taken, and when and of whom the same was bought, imported and taken in ; and shall, at the Times herein after provided, render to the Collector aforesaid, or to his Deputy, an Account, on Oath or Affirmation, of all the excised Articles herein before enumerated, which were his or her Property, or in his or her Possession, on the said Sixteenth Day of *May*, and which have since come to his or her Hands or Possession, and which by him or her, or by any Person in his or her Behalf, have been sold, and which have been in his or her Family consumed and expended, and the Quantity of each Article remaining on Hand ; which Account shall express the particular Quantity of each Kind so sold, consumed and disposed of ; and he or she shall pay therefor to the said Collector, or his Deputy, the excise Duties aforesaid, excepting for so much as shall have been sold to Persons duly licensed or permitted as aforesaid, and so much as shall remain on Hand, and so much as shall have been exported

out of the State for Sale and Consumption, in the Manner herein after prescribed : And if any of the excised Articles shall have been sold to Persons licensed or permitted as aforesaid, the said Account shall mention the Name of the Person licensed or permitted, and the Time when the same was so sold ; and the Person accounting shall exhibit a Certificate, under the Hand of the licensed or permitted Person purchasing, expressing the particular Quantity of each excised Article purchased, the Time when, and the Town and County wherein such licensed or permitted Person lives, or is resident ; and shall lodge the said Certificate with the said Collector, or his Deputy ; and for the Articles mentioned in the said Certificate the said Collector, or his Deputy, shall not demand any Duty ; but shall transmit the said Certificate, or an Account thereof, to the Collector of the County wherein such licensed or permitted Person who signed the same resides ; which last mentioned Collector shall settle with such licensed or permitted Person, for the Excise Duties that may become due on the Articles in the said Certificate mentioned : And the Form of the Oath or Affirmation, to be administered by the Collector, or his Deputy, to Innholders or Retailers of spirituous Liquors, shall be as follows, *to wit* :

You ———, do swear or affirm, that the Account by you now rendered is, to the best of your Knowledge and Judgment, a just and true Account of all Wines, Rum, and distilled Spirits, you had in your Possession on the Sixteenth Day of May ; and also of all the Wines, Rum, and distilled Spirits, bought, taken in, imported or received by you, or by any Person or Persons for or under you, and that remain by you unsold ; and that there has not been, by you, or by any Person for or under you, directly or indirectly, sold, used or consumed, any Wine, Rum, or distilled Spirits, since the said Sixteenth Day of May, besides what is contained in the Account by you now rendered. So help you God, or this Engagement you make upon the Penalty of Perjury.

AND the same Form, *mutatis mutandis*, shall be made Use of by every Person who shall be permitted to sell any other of the excised Articles, when rendering an Account thereof ; and for every Person that was not licensed on or before the said Sixteenth Day of May, the Form of the Oath shall be so varied as to express the Time of his taking License or Permit ; and upon any accounting anew, the Time of exhibiting the last Account shall be used.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who shall, from and after the said Sixteenth of May, bring or import into this State, or unto whom any of the said excised Articles shall be consigned for Sale, or private Consumption, shall, within Ten Days, pay or secure to the Collector the excised Duties due thereon ; and in Case of Failure herein, shall forfeit and pay a Fine not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds*, nor less than *Twenty Pounds*, Two-Thirds to the Use of this State, and One-Third to the Prosecutor.

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PROVIDED nevertheless, That if such Importer or Consignee be a licensed or permitted Person, then he shall only be held to report the same to the Collector, and at the Time he renders his Account shall account for the same, and pay the Excise that may become due thereon as before directed: And all Accounts of dutied Articles rendered to the Collector, or his Deputy, shall be on Oath or Affirmation: And any of the said excised Articles, imported by Persons not licensed or permitted to sell the same, that shall not be reported to the Collector, or his Deputy, within Ten Days after such Importation, shall be liable to Seizure and Confiscation; One-Third to the Collector, and Two-Thirds to the Use of this State, to be determined at a Special Inferior Court of Common Pleas, to be holden agreeable to Law; either Party aggrieved having Liberty of appealing to the next Superior Court of Judicature, &c. which shall be holden in the County in which such Seizure shall be made.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who hereafter may be appointed a Collector of the excised Articles aforesaid, who shall, from and after the said Sixteenth Day of May, import into this State, or shall have any Consignment, or otherwise sell or dispose of any Wine, Rum, or other excised Articles, or shall use or consume the same, such Collector shall keep and render a like Account thereof, on Oath or Affirmation, to the General-Treasurer, who is hereby empowered to administer the same in the Form prescribed; and shall pay him the like Excise thereon as such Person so appointed would otherwise have been obliged to have taken, kept, rendered and paid, to the Collector of the Excise aforesaid; and that the same be done in like Manner and Time, and under the like Pains and Penalties, as are in this Act prescribed.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Third Mondays of May and November, annually, shall be the Times all licensed and permitted Persons shall account, and pay in the Excise aforesaid, unto the Collector; and each Collector shall attend at some convenient Place in each Town, in their several and respective Counties, in order to receive and settle all Accounts relating to the said Excise, first giving seasonable and public Notice of the Time and Place where the said Business is to be transacted: And at the Time of receiving any Money for the Excise of the aforesaid excised Articles, he shall give Two Receipts, of the same Tenor and Date, mentioning what Sum he hath received therefor; One of which Receipts to be returned to the General-Treasurer.

AND be it further Enacted, That the several Collectors shall carefully examine the Accounts of every Importer, licensed and permitted Person, in their respective Counties, and demand, sue for, and receive, the several Sums due from them by this Act; and shall give the Name of every Importer, licensed and permitted Person, and an Account under their Hands of the particular Sums they

they receive, and of whom received, unto the General-Treasurer, upon Oath or Affirmation; which Oath or Affirmation the Treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to administer, in the Form following, *to wit* :

You *A. B.* do swear (or affirm) that this is a true List of all the Importers of dutied Articles, that have come to your Knowledge, and of all the Persons licensed and permitted by you to sell the same, and is a just and true Account of all the Excise Duties by you received, by Virtue of an Act entitled "An Act laying Duties of Excise on certain Articles therein described : " And that you have not knowingly neglected administering the Oath or Affirmation prescribed to the several Importers, licensed and permitted Persons, from whom the same was received or secured, in Manner and Form as by the said Act is prescribed. So help you God, or this Affirmation you make upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.

AND whereas the Requirement of Duties of Excise on Articles to be exported out of this State, may in some Instances operate to the Injury of Trade and Commerce : To prevent which manifest Evils, and the Commission of Fraud therein,

B E it further Enacted, That if any Person shall ship or export by Sea any of the excised Articles aforesaid from this State, and shall report the same to the Collector of the County where such Articles are, or his Deputy, and after the same shall be exported shall make Oath or Affirmation thereof, and that the same are not designed to be brought back again into this State, such Articles shall not be subject to any Excise.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Owner or Possessor of any of the Carriages hereafter enumerated, Billiard-Tables, Horses of Two Years old and upwards, and Dogs of every Age and Description, shall pay, on or before the Third Monday in November yearly, and every Year, the Duty by this Act required for each Carriage, Horse, or Dog, and Billiard-Table, by him or her owned or possessed, *to wit* :

FOR every Coach, *Four Pounds.*

FOR every Chariot, *Four Pounds.*

FOR every Phaeton and four-wheeled Chaise, *Two Pounds and Five Shillings.*

FOR every two-wheeled Chaise or Curricle, *Twelve Shillings.*

FOR every Sulky, and other Riding-Chair, *Seven Shillings and Six Pence.*

FOR every Horse or Mare, Two Years old and upwards, *Three Shillings.*

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For every Dog, *Three Shillings.*

For every Billiard-Table, *Six Pounds.*

THAT the Owners or Possessors of all dutied Carriages, Horses, Dogs, or Billiard-Tables, be, and they are hereby required and directed, to return in Writing, under Oath or Affirmation, to the Assessors of Taxes of their respective Towns, on the Day by them affixed for that Purpose, a List of all the excised Carriages, Horses, Dogs, or Billiard-Tables, which they were possessed of, on the Third *Monday* of *May* next before the making of such Return: That the Assessors be, and hereby are required and directed, to notify the Inhabitants and Residents of their respective Towns to return to them a List of the said dutied Articles by them owned or possessed, some Time in the Month of *July* annually; which List, with the Names of the Owners or Possessors, shall be by the said Assessors returned to the Collector of Excise, on or before the Thirtieth Day of *August* then next following: That if any of the Owners or Possessors of the said dutied Articles shall neglect to return said List as aforesaid, the said Assessors shall report the same to the Collector of Excise, with the Number of Carriages, Horses, Dogs, or Billiard-Tables, by such delinquent Persons owned or possessed, from their best Knowledge and Information: And that the said Assessors, for their Services herein, shall have a reasonable Allowance made them by their respective Towns: And if the Assessors of any Town shall neglect the due Performance of their Duty, as directed and enjoined upon them in this Act, the Assessors of such Town so neglecting their Duty, shall forfeit a Sum not less than *Twenty Pounds*, nor more than *Three Hundred Pounds*, for the Use of this State, to be recovered by Action or Complaint in any Court proper to try the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Collector of each County shall, within Thirty Days after the Duties on Carriages shall become due, make out and deliver to the Collector of Taxes of each Town in his County, an exact List of the Persons Names, and the Sums due from each of them, doubling the Excise upon all the excised Articles owned or possessed by any Person who shall neglect to make Return thereof to the Assessors as aforesaid, with Ten *per Centum* added thereto, together with a Warrant of Distress, for the Whole of the said Sums; which Warrant the said Collectors are hereby empowered to grant, returnable on the First *Monday* of *May* then next following: That the said Collectors of Taxes shall proceed in the same Manner as is by Law prescribed, in Case of distraining for Non-payment of Taxes; and that the said Collectors of Taxes, after deducting the additional Sum of Ten *per Centum*, shall pay the Remainder of the Sum expressed in the Warrant to the Collector who granted the same, who shall give them a full Discharge therefor.

PROVIDED nevertheless, That no Duty shall be demanded from the stated Ministers of the Gospel, the President, Professors,

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or Tutors of the College in this State, or Grammar School-Masters, for Chaifes or Riding-Chairs, and Horses; nor shall any Duty on any Carriage aforesaid be demanded from any Person who shall make the same, and have it by him for Sale only, and not for his own Use; any Thing in this Act to the Contrary notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That one Collector for each County within this State shall be annually appointed by the General Assembly, who shall be, and is hereby empowered, to receive and collect all the Duties mentioned in this Act; and to administer the Oaths or Affirmations required by this Act to be given in the Execution of his Office; and to sue for and recover all Penalties, Fines and Forfeitures, which may arise from a Non-compliance with or a Breach of the same; and shall, once in Three Months, pay into the General-Treasury all Sums of Money which he may collect or receive in Consequence of this Act; except such Part thereof as is otherwise expressly appropriated, which is to be paid according to the Appropriation: That every Collector shall, on or before the Third *Monday* of *May* annually, render to the Treasurer a fair and accurate Account of all Monies by him received in each particular Town, of whom, and the Time when received; and shall then settle and balance his Accounts, under Oath or Affirmation, with the General-Treasurer, who shall lay the said Accounts before the General Assembly, at their then next Session.

AND it is further Enacted, That the Collectors of Excise, who shall be appointed, be, and they are hereby severally empowered, to appoint Deputies to do the Business herein assigned to them, and every Part thereof: That the said Collectors shall severally be accountable for the Conduct of their respective Deputies, and pay them for their Services out of their own Commissions: That in every Port where an Intendant of Trade resides, the Collector, or his Deputy, shall keep a public Office open every Day (*Sundays* excepted) from Nine o'Clock in the Morning until One, and from Three o'Clock in the Afternoon until Sunset: That in Case, by Reason of Non-acceptance, Death or Removal, of the Collectors that shall be chosen for the several Counties, a Vacancy shall happen, the Intendant of Trade in such sea-port Town may grant Permits in the same Manner as this Act directs, until a Person shall be duly appointed and qualified for discharging the Office of Collector; in which Case the Intendant of Trade shall take Bond to the General-Treasurer, in the same Manner as is prescribed in this Act; and shall transmit to the Collector who shall be next appointed in the same County, an Account of each Permit by him granted, together with the Bonds taken therefor: Which Collector, receiving such Bonds from the Intendant of Trade, shall be as fully empowered to sue for and recover the same, as any other Bonds which may be taken in his own Name.

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AND be it further Enacted, That every Person who may be appointed Collector of Duties, in Pursuance of this Act, with his Deputies, shall, before they proceed in the Execution of their Office, be severally sworn or affirmed to the faithful Discharge thereof, before some Justice of the Peace or Warden, who is hereby empowered to administer such Oath or Affirmation, and is hereby directed to return a Certificate thereof to the Secretary of this State : That every Collector shall become bound to the General-Treasurer, with sufficient Sureties, in a Sum not exceeding *Five Thousand Pounds*, nor less than *One Thousand Pounds*, for the faithful Discharge of the Duties required of him by this Act ; and that the said Collectors shall be entitled to receive severally a Commission of Two and an Half *per Centum* for their Services.

AND it is hereby further Enacted, That in Case a Vacancy shall happen, by Reason of the Death, Resignation, Removal out of the State, or Non-acceptance of any Person who shall be appointed Collector of Excise, or by other Means, in any of the Counties in this State, in the Recess of the General Assembly, or at so late a Period in any Session of the same that the Vacancy occasioned in any Manner as aforesaid shall not be supplied in the same Session thereof, the Governor of this State, for the Time being, shall be, and hereby is authorized and empowered, to appoint a Collector of Excise for the County where such Vacancy shall happen : Which Collector being qualified, as in this Act is directed, shall continue in Office, and be vested with all the Power and Authority appertaining thereto, until he shall be confirmed in his Office, or another shall be appointed by the General Assembly in his Stead : And any Collector who shall be appointed or chosen as aforesaid, and also any Collector who shall be appointed or chosen in the Room of any other Collector, shall be, and hereby is empowered and authorized, to demand and receive of his Predecessor, if living, or, if dead, of his Executors or Administrators, and of the Deputies of such Predecessor, all official Bonds, Notes, Accounts, and other Papers, and give proper Discharges for the same ; and to commence and prosecute an Action, in his own Name, upon any Bond or Security given to his Predecessor in Office, in the Capacity of Collector of Excise ; and to demand, prosecute, sue for, recover and receive, any Duties that were due, or Penalties incurred, before his Appointment to the said Office ; and to do and perform all Matters and Things whatever which his said Predecessor could have done had he continued in Office.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Collector, or his Deputy, shall wittingly, willingly, and corruptly, give any Permit or Certificate contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and shall be thereof convicted, he shall be, and hereby is declared to be, forever hereafter incapable of holding any Place of Honour, Trust or Profit, under this Assembly ; and shall pay a Fine equal to double the Value of the Duties set by this Act on the Articles contained in such Permit or Certificate.

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AND it is further Enacted, That the said Collectors, and their Deputies, shall have free Recourse, without Fee, to the Books and Accounts of any Intendant of Trade, or other public Officer, from whence they may expect to receive any Evidence for the Detection of Frauds, or Violation of this Act.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where any Action or Actions shall be brought against either of the Collectors of Excise, or either of their Deputies, upon any Matter touching the Prosecution of his Duty, or Business assigned to him by this Act, in all such Cases such Collector, or Deputy, shall be allowed to plead the general Issue, and give this Act in Evidence.

AND be it further Enacted, That if any Person shall deliver to any Collector, or Deputy-Collector, any false Certificate, with Design to defraud the Government, he shall forfeit and pay a Fine of *One Hundred Pounds*, and the Value of the Goods therein mentioned: And if any Permit, Certificate, or Receipt, shall be forged, counterfeited, or altered, the Person forging, counterfeiting, or altering the same, shall forfeit the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, and the Value of the Goods mentioned therein.

AND it is further Enacted, That all Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties, which may arise or be incurred by Virtue of this Act, not otherwise expressly appropriated, shall be paid into the General-Treasury, to and for the Use of this State.

AND it is further Enacted, That the Act of this Assembly, made and passed at the Session held in *May, A. D. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five*, entitled "An Act for laying additional Duties on certain enumerated Articles, and for encouraging the Manufacture thereof within this and the United States of *America*," so far as the same lays a Duty or Impost upon Wine or Loaf-Sugar, imported into this State, in Vessels belonging to any of the United States of *America*, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall continue and be in Force for the Space of Three Years, and no longer.

IT is Ordered, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to transmit Copies of this Act to the several Town-Treasurers, and Town-Clerks within this State.



Appropriation of the Money raised by the Excise

I*T is Voted and Resolved*, That the Money which shall be raised and collected by Virtue of the Act passed at the present Session, entitled "An Act laying Duties of Excise on certain Articles therein described," be appropriated for the Payment of the Interest on the

the Notes signed by the General-Treasurer of this State, and for the Payment of the contingent Charges of Government: That the Orders issued by the General-Treasurer for the Payment of Interest upon the State Notes be received by the Collectors of Excise in Payment, in the same Manner as they are now receivable by the Collectors of Impoft: And that the Orders of this Assembly, issued for the Payment of Money out of the General-Treasury, be also received by the Collectors of Excise in Payment.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Forty Pounds Twelve Shillings and Nine Pence, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mrs. Eunice Hazard, Wife of Thomas Hazard; an Absentee; it being, agreeable to the Report of the Auditor, the liquidated Value, with the compound Interest thereon, of a Certificate given to the said Thomas Hazard, for a Slave belonging to him, enlisted into the Continental Service, by the Committee appointed to appraise such Slaves. E. Hazard allowed £.40 12s 9d.

WHEREAS Mr. Eliza Anthony presented unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, for Flour taken from him for the Use of the Troops, which Account having been referred to a Committee they reported as follows, *to wit*: E. Anthony allowed £.336 9s 9d.

THE Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to examine the said Account, do report, that the Sum of *Three Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Nine Shillings and Nine Pence*, lawful Money, (the Amount of One-Fifth Part of Five Hundred and Thirteen Barrels of Flour, taken for the Use of the Troops stationed at Tiverton, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven) ought to be paid to Eliza Anthony, and charged to the United States.

JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.
DANIEL MASON, }

WHICH being duly considered, *it is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That the said Sum of *Three Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Nine Shillings and Nine Pence*, be allowed: That the General-Treasurer give his Note to the said Eliza Anthony for the said Sum, with compound Interest thereon, from the Thirtieth Day of January, A. D. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, to March the Eighteenth, A. D. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six; and that said Note be payable on Demand, with Interest.

WHEREAS the Committee to whom was referred the Account of Mr. George Gibbs, for Flour taken for the Use of the Troops, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*: G. Gibbs allowed £.336 9s 9d.

THE Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable the General Assembly, to examine the said Account, do report, that the Sum of *Three Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Nine Shillings and Nine Pence*, lawful Money (the Amount of One-Fifth Part of Five Hundred and Thirteen Barrels of Flour, taken for the Use of the Troops stationed at *Tiverton*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven) ought to be paid to the said *George Gibbs*, and charged to the United States.

JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.
DANIEL MASON, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the said Sum of *Three Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds Nine Shillings and Nine Pence*, be allowed : That the General-Treasurer give his Note to the said *George Gibbs* for the said Sum, with compound Interest thereon, from the Thirtieth Day of *January, A. D.* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, to this Time ; and that the said Note be payable on Demand, with Interest.

No Prison
Fees to be
allowed in
Cases of
Bastardy.

WHEREAS some of the Justices of the Peace within this State have issued Warrants against the Town-Treasurers of the Towns, for Prison-Fees for Persons who stand committed for Non-performance of Orders for the Indemnification of such Towns in Cases of Bastardy, and have made up Judgments and granted Executions, to the great Grievance of such Towns, and contrary to the Spirit and Meaning of the Laws of this State :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That no Justice or Warden of the Peace shall grant any Warrants or Executions against any Town-Treasurer for the Recovery of any Prison Fees for any Person who stands committed for the Non-performance of any Order made in Case of Bastardy ; any Law, Custom or Usage, to the Contrary notwithstanding.

Petition of
E. Wheaton,
&c.

WHEREAS *Ephraim Wheaton*, and others, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine they supplied *Thomas Greene*, Esq; then Commissary of Military Stores in this State, with divers Articles for the Use of the Army : That they have heretofore made Application to this Assembly, and to *Edward Chinn*, Esq; the Commissioner, to have their Accounts adjusted ; and that as yet nothing has been done respecting the same : And thereupon they prayed this Assembly that their Accounts may be settled, and they made equal with other Creditors :

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jenckes*, *Rose J. Helme*, and *Jeremiah Olney*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive the Claims of the Petitioners, and others, against the United States in the Department

partment of the Commissary of Military Stores in this State, while the said Department was under the Direction of the said *Thomas Greene*, who by Reason of many Infirmities is utterly unable to settle the same ; and that the said Committee cause such Claimants to be notified by Advertisement in the News-Papers to exhibit their Demands, and such of them as shall appear to be just and well vouched, to report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Ten Shillings and Eight Pence, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; Post-Master ; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for the Postage of divers Letters to his Excellency the Governor. G. Mumford allowed £. 1 10s 8d.

WHEREAS the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of *Phinebas Edwards*, Town-Serjeant of the Town of *Hopkinton*, *William Tanner*, jun. and *Clarke Wilbur*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying for an Allowance for the Cost and Damage they sustained in apprehending one *Elijah Hall*, for an Assault and Battery, who was committed to Gaol, and has since made his Escape, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

AGREEABLE TO OUR Appointment we have examined the Charges, and considered the Prayer of the said Petition, and report in the following Order, *to wit* :

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| The Doctor's Bill £. 3 15s. allowed, | £. 2 10 0 |
| The Officer's Service, together with Aid, charged } at £. 8 18s. allowed at | 4 10 0 |
| Justice's Fees taxed at £. 1 10s. allowed at | 0 18 0 |
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| | £. 7 18 0 |
| It is also our Opinion, That <i>William Tanner</i> , jun. be allowed for his Damage in being wounded, } in Loss of Time, &c. the Sum of | 4 10 0 |
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| | £. 12 8 0 |

ALL which is submitted by your humble Servants,

DANIEL MOWRY, jun.
JOHN WILLIAMS.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Seven Pounds, lawful Money, be allowed to the said *William Tanner*, jun. and the Sum of Five Pounds Eight Shillings, like Money, be allowed to the said *Phinebas Edwards* ; and that the said Sums be paid them respectively, out of the General-Treasury.



Act in Addition to the Act making certain Estates liable for Debt.

I*T is Voted and Resolved*, That the Clause respecting Deposits, in the Act passed at the present Session, making real and personal Estates liable to the Payment of Debts, under certain Restrictions, be in Force from and immediately after the Rising of this Assembly.

AND whereas, in some Instances, Officers may have taken Deposits, without the Consent of the Creditor, and in others with his Consent, without being able to prove it : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That in all Cases where Officers have taken Deposits of real Estates, sufficient in Value to answer the Debt and Costs, that such Officer shall not be liable to be sued to any Special Court for taking such Deposit : Any Law, Custom or Usage to the Contrary notwithstanding.



T. Spencer
allowed £.2
4s 6d.

I T is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Four Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Thomas Spencer* (Son of *Abner*) it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for cleaning the State-House, and for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter, &c.

P. Austin al-
lowed 25
Dollars.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Jeremiah Olney*, *Paul Allen*, and *Rowse J. Helme*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honorable General Assembly, a Committee to examine into the Disabilities of the Officers and Soldiers wounded in the Service of the United States, and to report what Compensation ought to be allowed to each Individual, beg Leave to report, that we have this Day examined the Case of Ensign *Parismus Austin*, an Officer in Captain *James Albros*'s Company, in Colonel *Charles Dyre*'s Regiment of Militia, and find that the First Joint of the right Thumb of the said *Parismus* is entirely lost, occasioned by his endeavouring to preserve the Boats on the Tenth Day of *August*, A. D. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-eight, which landed the Troops upon *Rhode-Island*, in General *Sullivan*'s Expedition, the said *Parismus* being then in actual Service ; and that if the Sum of *Twenty-five Dollars* is allowed and paid him, it will be full Compensation for all his Sufferings thereby.

JEREMIAH OLNEY, }
PAUL ALLEN, } Committee.
ROWSE J. HELME, }

March 18. 1786.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be, and hereby is accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Twenty-five Dollars* be paid to the said *Parismus Austin*, out of the General-Treasury, in full Compensation for his Sufferings.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to revise the Laws of this State, have reported the same, with their Revisions ; and whereas it is of the utmost Importance to the Happiness of the Citizens of this State, that the aforesaid Revision should be deliberately and attentively examined and considered by a larger Committee, consisting of judicious and respectable Inhabitants from different Parts of the State : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Laws, as revised and reported by the Committee, be referred to the Examination and Consideration of the former Committee, and Messieurs *William Ellery, George Champlin, David Howell, Moses Brown, Carder Hazard, Simeon Perry, Shearjashub Bourne, William T. Miller, Gideon Mumford, Daniel Howland*, and the Attorney-General : That they re-examine and revise the said Laws as reported as aforesaid, and make such Alterations as to them shall appear necessary and just ; and that they report as soon as may be.

Committee
to examine
the Revision
of the Laws.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Capt. *Caleb Gardner* be, and he is hereby appointed, to lease out, to the best Advantage, the real Estate which did heretofore belong to *Job Almy*, and by him mortgaged to *Isaac Lawton*, and which was confiscated to and for the Use of this State.

C. Gardner
to lease the
Estate late *J. Lawton's*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Thomas Briggs*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

T. Briggs allowed
£. 1 16s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Micah Whitmarsh*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

M. Whitmarsh allowed
£. 1 16s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esquire ; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower-House.

B. Bourne allowed
£. 3 12s.

WHEREAS *Robert Rogers*, Esquire, hath represented unto this Assembly, that he hath undertaken to keep a Grammar-School in the City of *Newport* : That he is now causing a Building to be repaired to keep the said School in, which will be ready in a short Time ; and hath requested this Assembly to grant him the Use of the Council-Chamber, in the State-House in *Newport*, to keep the said School in, till the said Building shall be repaired : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Use of the said Chamber be, and hereby is granted, to the said *Robert Rogers*, for the Purpose aforesaid.

R. Rogers allowed the
Use of the
Council-Chamber in
Newport.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Six Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *William Arnold* ; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for

W. Arnold allowed
6s.

the Use of his Chamber, &c. for the Committee who draughted the Bill for setting off real Estates in Payment of Debts.

R. Fry to lease the Estate of Rice and Burlingame. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Richard Fry*, Esquire, Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, be, and he is hereby directed, to lease out, to the best Advantage, the Estate lately sold at public Vendue, belonging to *John Rice* and *William Burlingame*, and purchased by this State, if the Money for which the said Estate was sold be not paid by the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* current.

T. Rumrell allowed £. 3 12s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Thomas Rumrell*, Esquire; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Auditor of Accounts.

A. Greene allowed £. 1 16s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Abraham Greene*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

A& for transferring real Estates to be printed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Bill entitled "An A& for transferring real Estates," as reported by the Committee for revising the Laws, be published in the *Newport* and *Providence News-Papers*.

Governor to write for Certificates. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to write to the Treasury-Board, at *New-York*, requesting, in the strongest Terms, that they would send forward the blank Certificates, for filling up the Facilities to be made Use of in paying the Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*.

Action brought by the Tribe of Indians continued. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Action brought by the Tribe of *Naragansett* Indians, against *Joseph Clarke*, of *Charlestown*, for a Piece of Land, be continued until next Term of the Inferior Court in *Washington County*: That in the mean Time the Committee, heretofore appointed by the General Assembly, to run the Line be continued for that Purpose; and that they proceed as soon as may be to settle the same.

Relief given to W. Potter respecting his Taxes. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Collectors of the several Taxes in the Town of *South-Kingstown* be, and they are hereby directed, to postpone the collecting of Taxes, due from *William Potter*, Esq; of the said Town, until the Petition of *Nicholas Easton* against him be determined; and that the several Collectors, whose Estates are now taken in Distress, and to be sold by the Sheriff, be not proceeded against, or their Sureties' Estates sold, for any Deficiencies of Taxes, to the Amount of the Taxes due unto them from *William Potter*, and which have been assessed against him.

Executions, &c. where Petitions are pending stayed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Executions and Proceedings, for the Stay whereof Petitions are now pending before this Assembly, be, and the same are hereby stayed, until the next Session.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Adjournment. Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in the City of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned to the *Monday* next preceding the First *Wednesday* in *May* next, then to meet at the State-House in *Newport*.

G O D save the United States of *A M E R I C A*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS, *Henry Ward Law*

May, 1786.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the first *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, and in the Tenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

WILLIAM GREENE, Esquire,
G O V E R N O R.

The HONOURABLE

Jabez Bowen, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

WELCOME ARNOLD, Esq;
THOMAS WELLS, Esq;
JOSEPH RUSSELL, Esq;
GIDEON MUMFORD, Esq;
WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;
GIDEON CLARKE, Esq;
THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;
JOHN COOKE, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E P U T I E S

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Henry Marchant, *Esq*;
 Mr. George Champlin,
 John Topham, *Esq*;
 Mr. Peleg Clarke,
 Mr. Daniel Mafon.

PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq*;
 John Brown, *Esq*;
 Charles Keene, *Esq*;
 Thomas Truman, *Esq*;

PORTSMOUTH :

Elijah Cobb, *Esq*;
 William Anthony, *jun. Esq*;
 Benjamin Hall, *Esq*;
 Mr. Benjamin Brownell.

WARWICK :

Othhiel Gorton, *Esq*;
 Mr. Gideon Arnold,
 Thomas Holden, *Esq*;
 John Low, *Esq*;

WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;
 Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Edward Hull,
 Mr. William Littlefield.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

James Congdon, *Esq*;
 Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq*;
 John Gardner, *Esq*;

EAST-GREENWICH :

Joseph Fry, *Esq*;
 Job Comstock, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN :

Rowland Robinson, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Howland.

SMITHFIELD :

John Sayles, *Esq*;
 Andrew Waterman, *Esq*;

SCITUATE :

Mr. Nathan Bates,
 Thomas Mowry, *Esq*;

GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Seth Hunt,
 Stephen Winsor, *Esq*;

CHARLESTOWN :

Mr. Thomas Hoxie,

Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Jolin, *Esq*;
 Jonathan Niles, *Esq*;

COVENTRY :

William Burlingame, *Esq*;
 Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.

EXETER :

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
 Mr. Christopher Champlin.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. John Gould,
 Mr. Thomas Coggeshall.

BRISTOL :

William Bradford, *Esq*;
 Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Benjamin Howland,
 Mr. Joseph Almy.

LITTLE-COMPTON

Mr. George Simmons,
 Nathaniel Searle, *Esq*;

WARREN :

Robert Carr, *Esq*;
 William Barton, *Esq*;

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. John Gould, *jun.*
 Mr. John Lapham.

RICHMOND :

Mr. James Sheldon,
 Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

Matthew Manchester, *Esq*;
 Mr. Stephen Sprague.

HOPKINTON :

Abel Tanner, *Esq*;
 Thomas Wells (2d) *Esq*;

JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap, *Esq*;
 Andrew Harris, *Esq*;

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezek Hopkins, *Esq*;
 Mr. Edward Smith.

BARRINGTON :

Josiah Humphry, *Esq*;
 Samuel Allen, *Esq*;

FOSTER :

John Westcott, *Esq*;
 Mr. Christopher Colwell.

The Honourable WILLIAM BRADFORD, *Esq*; was chosen Speaker; and BENJAMIN BOURNE, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS being the Anniversary Election of all Officers, both civil Officers cho- and military, in and throughout the State, for the ensuing Year, ^{ten.} the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit* :

His Excellency *John Collins*, Esq; Governor. Engaged.
 The Honourable *Daniel Owen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor. Engaged.
John Mathewson, Esq; First Assistant. Engaged.
Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.
John Williams, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.
Richard Searle, Esq; Fourth Assistant.
James Arnold, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.
William Hammond, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.
Gideon Clarke, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.
Thomas G. Hazard, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.
John Cooke, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.
Oliver Durfee, Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.
William Channing, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.
Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer. Engaged.

Delegates to represent the State in Congress.

The Honourable *James M. Varnum*, Esq;
 The Honourable *Nathan Miller*, Esq;
 The Honourable *George Champlin*, Esq;
 The Honourable *Peleg Arnold*, Esq;

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sale of the Estate of the late Col. *Joseph Wanton*, on the Point in *Newport*, be postponed till the *Thursday* of the next Session of this Assembly: That it be then sold, and that the Committee, for selling the said Estate, advertise the same in the public News-Papers accordingly.

Sale of *J. Wanton's* Estate postponed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Resolution of this Assembly, Act granting allowing to the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, &c. certain Salaries, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Act granting Salaries to the Superior Court repealed.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, *to wit* :

Officers chosen.

Paul Mumford, Esq; Chief
Joseph Hazard, Esq; Second
Thomas Tillinghast, Esq; Third
Gilbert Devol, Esq; Fourth
David Howell, Esq; Fifth

} Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and throughout the State.

William Richmond, Esq; Chief
Christopher Ellery, Esq; Second
Robert Taylor, Esq; Third
Jonathan Freeborn, Esq; Fourth
Henry Blys, Esq; Fifth

} Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Richard

Richard Steere, Esq; Chief
Ebenezer Thompson, Esq; Second
Caleb Aldrich, Esq; Third
John Burton, jun. Esq; Fourth
Caleb Harris, Esq; Fifth

} Justice of the Inferior Court of
 Common Pleas, and General
 Sessions of the Peace, within
 and for the County of *Provi-*
dence.

Carder Hazard, Esq; Chief
Joseph Hoxsie, Esq; Second
Robert Stanton, Esq; Third
Sylvester Gardner, Esq; Fourth
Edward Wells, Esq; Fifth

} Justice of the Inferior Court of
 Common Pleas, and General
 Sessions of the Peace, within
 and for the County of *Wash-*
ington.

John Child, Esq; Chief
John Usher, Esq; Second
William T. Miller, Esq; Third
Elkanah Humphry, Esq; Fourth
John Waldron, Esq; Fifth

} Justice of the Inferior Court of
 Common Pleas, and General
 Sessions of the Peace, within
 and for the County of *Bristol*.

Stephen Potter, Esq; Chief
Thomas Aldrich, Esq; Second
Thomas Gorton, Esq; Fourth
Wm. Greene (Son of Philip) Esq; 5th

} Justice of the Inferior Court of
 Common Pleas, and General
 Sessions of the Peace, within
 and for the County of *Kent*.

John Foster, Esq; Judge of the Court of Admiralty, within and throughout the State.

Robert Rogers, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Daniel Cooke, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Nathaniel Helme, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Washington*.

Jonathan Russell, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

James Ferould, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Thomas Peckham, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur

Arthur Fenner, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

George H. Peckham, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Washington*.

Daniel Bradford, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Benjamin Howland, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

William Davis, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

Ephraim Bowen, jun. Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Washington*.

Richard Smith, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Jonathan Niles, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent* (he having previously resigned his Seat as a Member of the Lower House).

William Taggart, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*.

Henry Ward, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Providence*.

George Thomas, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the County of *Washington*.

Jonathan Ruffell, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Bristol*.

Gideon Mumford, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *East-Greenwich*.

Christopher Ellery, Esq; Public-Notary for the City and County of *Newport*.

Samuel Chace, Esq; Public-Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

JUSTICES of the PEACE in the several Towns.

PROVIDENCE :
Samuel Chace,
John Foster,

Theodore Foster,
Nathaniel Wheaton,
James Arnold,

Thomas

B

Thomas Truman,
James Brown,
Daniel Cooke,
John Dorrance,
Benjamin Bourne,
Aaron Mafon, *Esquires.*

PORTSMOUTH:

John Shearman,
William Anthony, *jun.*
Elijah Cobb, *Esquires.*

WARWICK:

Robert Rhodes,
James Jerauld,
Thomas Greene (*Son of Richard*)
Thomas Rice (*Son of Thomas*)
John Stafford, *Esquires.*

WESTERLY:

Joseph Crandall,
Joseph Clarke,
Joseph Maxfon,
Simeon Burdick, *Esquires.*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN:

Eber Shearman,
George Thomas (*Son of Samuel*)
Benedict Dayton,
Jonathan Bates, *jun.*
Samuel Dyre,
William Reynolds, *Esquires.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN:

Freeman Perry,
Caleb Tefft,
George H. Peckham,
Nathaniel Perkins,
Daniel Shearman,
Samuel Curtis,
Isaac Tanner,
Barber Peckham, *Esquires.*

GLOUCESTER:

Silas Williams,
Jonathan Harris,
Zebedee Hopkins, *jun.*
John Smith (*Son of Benjamin*)
Timothy Wilmarth,
William Arnold,
Stephen Winfor, *Esquires.*

COVENTRY:

John Rice,
William Stone,
Isaac Johnson,
William Burlingame,

Stephen Greene,
Benjamin Arnold, *Esquires.*

EXETER:

George Pierce,
Daniel Sunderlin,
Samuel Gorton,
Stephen Reynolds,
Nicholas Gardner (*Son of Ezekiel*)

Phinehas Kinyon,
William Potter, *Esquires.*

CHARLESTOWN:

Peleg Crofs,
James Congdon,
Simeon Babcock,
John Collier,
Ichabod Burdick, *Esquires.*

MIDDLETOWN:

Joseph Peabody,
Salisbury Stoddard,
Joshua Barker,
Elisha Allen, *Esquires.*

BRISTOL:

Daniel Bradford,
Josiah Finney,
Jonathan Russell, *Esquires.*

TIVERTON:

Walter Cooke,
Lemuel Taber,
Thomas Durfec,
Thomas Howland, *Esquires.*

LITTLE-COMPTON:

Philip Taylor,
Adam Simmons,
Nathaniel Searle,
Enos Giffard, *Esquires.*

WARREN:

William Barton,
Daniel Cole,
Joseph Smith, *Esquires.*

CUMBERLAND:

John S. Dexter,
Jotham Carpenter,
Levi Ballou, *Esquires.*

RICHMOND:

Thomas Tefft,
Simeon Clarke, *jun.*
James Sheldon,
Peter Clarke,
Samuel Clarke, *Esquires.*

CRANSTON :

Nehemiah Knight,
Elisha Carpenter,
Jonathan Sprague,
Stephen Knight,
John Stafford, *Esquires*.

JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap,
Noah Mathewson,
Andrew Harris,
Joseph Burden, *jun*.
Israel Angell, *Esquires*.

SCITUATE :

Peleg Fisk,
John Harris,
Thomas Mowry,

Robert Knight,
Thomas Field, *Esquires*.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

William Bagley,
Hope Angell,
Caleb Jenckes, *Esquires*.

BARRINGTON :

Samuel Allen,
Solomon Townsend, *jun*.
Moses Tyler, *Esquires*.

FOSTER :

John Westcor,
William Greene,
Jonathan Hopkins, *jun*.
Daniel Howard,
Angell Sweet, *Esquires*.

Robert Crooke, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Newport*.

Caleb Harris, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*.

George Thomas (Son of Samuel) Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Washington*.

William Barton, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*.

Gideon Mumford, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Kent*.

James Mitchel Varnum, Esq; Major-General of the Militia of the State.

John Malbone, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia of the County of *Newport*.

Christopher Lippitt, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia of the County of *Providence*.

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia of the County of *Washington*.

Thomas Holden, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia of the County of *Kent*.

Daniel Rogers, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Christopher Olney, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

John Gavet, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Thomas

Thomas Allen, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Job Randall, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Lemuel Bailey, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Coggesball Olney, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Charles Dyre, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Archibald Kaffon, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Stephen Kimbal, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Thomas Potter, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Stephen Winsor, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

John Whipple, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

George Stillman, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Curtis Cole, Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Allen Johnson, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

William Southworth, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Joel Aldrich, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Stephen Wightman, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Caleb Greene, jun. Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Nebemias Angell, Esq; Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Samuel Mayes, Esq; Major of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *George Champlin*, and *George Hazard*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive of *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq; the late Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Newport*, the Seal, Papers and Books, belonging to the said Office, and to deliver them to *William Taggart*, Esq; the present Intendant, giving and taking Receipts for the same : That the said *William Taggart* first pay the said *Thomas Rumrell* for the Books he has purchased for the Use of the said Office ; and that the said Committee also settle the Accounts of the said *Thomas Rumrell*, as Intendant.

Committee to receive the Books, &c. from the late Intendant, and Clerk of the Inferior Court, *Newport*.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That *Christopher Ellery*, and *John G. Wanton*, Esquires, be a Committee to receive of *Constant Tabor*, Esq; the late Clerk of the Inferior Court in the County of *Newport*, the Seal, Records, Files and other Papers in the said Office, and to deliver them to *Thomas Peckham*, Esq; the present Clerk, giving and taking Receipts for the same ; and that the said Committees make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS *Jocktan Putnam*, of *Gloucester*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that at *March Term* of the Superior Court, in the County of *Providence*, A. D. 1783, he with others was convicted of riotous Proceedings in said *Gloucester*, and sentenced by the said Court to pay Costs : That by the Indulgence of this Assembly he has been liberated from Gaol, by giving Security to the General-Treasurer for *Seventy Pounds*, being his Proportion of the said Cost : And that having a large Family and but small Property, it has not been in his Power to discharge the same : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly that he may be permitted to discharge his Obligation to the General-Treasurer in the Securities of this State, in like Manner as others have done :

J. Putnam's Petition granted.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted ; and that the said *Jocktan Putnam* be discharged from his said Obligation, on paying the Sum due thereon, in State Notes, into the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Mathewson*, and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive of *Esek Hopkins*, Esq; the late Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, the Seal, Books and Papers, belonging to the said Office, and to deliver them to *Caleb Harris*, Esq; the present Collector, giving and taking Receipts for the same ; and that the said Committee settle the Accounts of the said *Esek Hopkins*, as Collector as aforesaid, and report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committee to receive the Books, &c. from the late Collector of Impost in *Providence*.

Committee to receive the Records, &c. from the late Clerks of the Superior and Inferior Courts, *Kent.* *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Tillinghast*, Esq; and *Mr. Joseph Fry*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive of *Andrew Boyd*, and *Hopkins Cooke*, Esquires, the late Clerks of the Superior and Inferior Courts in the County of *Kent*, the Seals, Records, Files and other Papers, belonging to the said Offices respectively, and to deliver them to *James Ferauld*, and *Benjamin Howland*, Esquires, the present Clerks respectively, giving and taking Receipts for the same; and that they report to this Assembly at the next Session.

J. Phillips's
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WHEREAS *John Phillips*, of *Gloucester*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that at last *March* Term of the Superior Court, in the County of *Providence*, he was convicted of Forgery, and sentenced by the said Court to stand in the Pillory, pay a Fine to the State, and Costs: That he now remains in Gaol for the Payment of the said Fine and Costs: That he has a Wife and Seven Children; who are in a suffering Condition, having no Estate to support them; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly for Relief: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *John Phillips* be discharged from Gaol; and that the said Fine be remitted.

Committee to revise the Laws respecting Bastardy.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Othniel Gorton*, and *Job Comstock*, Esquires, together with the Attorney-General, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to revise the Laws of this State respecting the Support of insolvent Prisoners, who are committed for Non-Performance of Orders in Cases of Bastardy, and authorizing the Sale of such Prisoners: That the said Committee draught an Act, revising and amending such Laws; and that they report as soon as may be.

Substance of an Act of the Assembly of *Maryland* to be published.

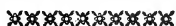
It is Voted and Resolved, That the Substance of the Act of the General Assembly of the State of *Maryland*, entitled, "An Act to extend the Time limited for bringing in and settling Claims against this State by the Citizens thereof, and for limiting the Time for bringing in and settling Claims against the said State by the Citizens of the United States," be published in the several News-Papers in this State.

Act empowering Justices to administer Oaths.

WHEREAS the most Honourable the Congress of the United States of *America* did, on the 27th Day of *September* last past, make a Requisition of the several States in the Union for the Year 1785, and therein Resolved, "That every Commissioner of the Continental Loan-Office, previously to settling and issuing Certificates as aforesaid, for the Interest due on Certificates of liquidated Debts, other than Loan-Office Certificates, shall administer an Oath or Affirmation, or require a Certificate signed by one of the Persons whom the State in which the Commissioner resides shall, in the legislative Act complying with this Requisition, appoint, that he hath administered to the Owner or Possessor of every such Certificate an Oath or Affirmation, that the same is *bona fide* the Property of the particular State in which the said Commissioner resides, or of a Citizen or Citizens of the said State, or of some corporate Body or charitable Institution within the same, or of some Person who is not a Citizen of any of the United States;

States; describing the Certificate or Certificates alluded to in every such Oath or Affirmation, in such Manner as shall be necessary to identify the same, or as may be prescribed by the Legislature of the said State."

AND the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the several Justices of the Superior and of the several Inferior Courts within this State, be and they are hereby appointed and empowered to administer the aforesaid Oath or Affirmation within this State, and to give Certificates accordingly: And that they be allowed *One Shilling* for each and every Oath or Affirmation, and Certificate thereof, to be paid by the Owner or Holder of such Certificate.



An A C T authorizing and permitting *Christopher Champlin, jun.* Son of *Christopher Champlin*, of the City of *Newport*, Esq; to take upon himself the additional Name of *Grant*, by the Name of *Christopher Grant Champlin*.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this Assembly, And authorizing C. Champlin, jun. to take the additional Name of Grant. that some particular Advantages may arise to the Benefit of Mr. *Christopher Champlin, jun.* (Son of *Christopher Champlin*, of the City of *Newport*, Esq;) by authorizing and permitting him to take upon himself the Name of *Christopher Grant Champlin*.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said *Christopher Champlin, jun.* be and he is hereby authorized and permitted to take upon himself the additional Name of *Grant*, by the Name of *Christopher Grant Champlin*; and that his taking upon himself the aforesaid Name of *Christopher Grant Champlin* shall be as good and valid, to all Intents and Purposes, as though he had been from the Time of his Nativity called by the same, and as such registered and known.



An A C T for naturalizing *William Greene*, Esq; a Native of *Great-Britain*, and a Subject of his *Britannic Majesty*.

WHEREAS *William Greene*, Esq; hath represented unto this Assembly, And naturalizing W. Greene. that he is a Native of *Great-Britain*, and a Subject of his *Britannic Majesty*; and that he is very desirous of settling within this State, and becoming a Citizen thereof:

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BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That his Excellency the Governor, or either of the Members of the Upper House of Assembly, be and they are hereby empowered to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to this State, unto the said *William Greene*; and that thereupon the said *William Greene* shall become a Citizen of this State, and shall be entitled to all the Rights, Liberties, Privileges and Immunities, of a free-born Citizen thereof.



G. Hunt allowed to pay a Treasurer's Note. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to receive of *George Hunt* any of the Notes issued by him, in Payment of a Note some Time since given by the said *George Hunt*, to him the said General-Treasurer; and in case the Note offered by the said *George Hunt* shall exceed the Sum due from him to this State, that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered to give his Note to the said *George Hunt*, for the Balance that may arise on the Exchange of the said Notes.

Officers of the United Artillery. THE following Return of the Choice of Officers, to command the Company of the United Train of Artillery, in the Town of *Providence*, was read in Council, to wit:

Daniel Tillinghast, Esq; Colonel.
Levi Hall, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel.
Robert Taylor, Esq; Major.
Gershom Jones, Captain.
Isaac Barker, Lieutenant.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Choice be and hereby is approved.

Committee to inspect the Gaol in *Kent*. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Othniel Gorton*, *Job Comstock*, and *Thomas Holden*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inspect the Gaol in the County of *Kent*: That they view the Building and Lot, and report to this Assembly at the next Session whether it will be most proper and expedient to erect a new Gaol, or to repair the old One.

Committee to examine the Claims of Two Invalids. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *Rowse J. Helme*, and *Henry Sberburne*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Claims of *Edward Gavet*, and *Joseph Button*, Two invalid Soldiers: That they examine their Wounds, and report to this Assembly what Allowance (if any) they are entitled to receive, agreeable to the Resolution of Congress.

Committee to inspect the Gaol in *Wassington*. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That *John Gardner*, Esq; and Mr. *Samuel Potter*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to examine the Gaol

Gaol in *South-Kingstown*, and to report whether it will be most advantageous to repair the old Gaol, or to build a new one: And if the said Committee shall deem it best to build a new Gaol, that they enquire where a suitable Lot may be purchased to erect the same on, and the Price it may be bought for; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Brown*, and *Charles Keen*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to view and examine the Gaol in *Providence*, and report what Repairs it stands in Need of, and what probably will be the Expence of making the necessary Repairs.

Committee to inspect the Gaol, *Providence*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay out of the General-Treasury, unto the Hon. *William Ellery*, Esq; *Fifteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, for his Salary as Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. for Six Months last past; to the Honourable *Peter Phillips*, *Thomas Tillinghast*, and *Pardon Gray*, Esquires, *Twenty-four Pounds*, Lawful Money, each, for their Salaries as Justices of the said Court the last Year past; and to the Honourable *David Howell*, Esq; *Twelve Pounds*, Lawful Money, for his Salary as a Justice of the said Court for the last Six Months.

Salaries to the Justices of the Superior Court.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Report of Messieurs *Christopher Ellery* and *Robert Stevens*, upon Two Accounts of *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the County of *Kent*, for Light-Money by him collected from *May 23*, A.D. 1785, to *May 1*, A.D. 1786, be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said Accounts stand balanced.

G. Mumford's Accounts balanced.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Sixty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to his Excellency *William Greene*, Esq; for his Salary as Governor the last Year: And that *Forty-five Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the Honourable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; for his Salary as Deputy-Governor the same Year.

Salaries to the late Governor and Deputy-Governor.



An A C T for emitting *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*.

WHEREAS from a Variety of Causes, political and mercantile, the Currency of this State, now in Circulation, has become altogether insufficient in Point of Quantity for the Purposes of Trade and Commerce, and for paying the just Debts of the Inhabitants thereof: Therefore, to establish a circulating Medium, upon the firmest and most equitable Principles that may be, and for facilitating

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that Interchange of Property so essential to a commercial State, and a People circumstanced as are the Inhabitants of this State: *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That One Hundred Thousand Pounds, Lawful Money, be forthwith emitted in Bills of Paper, and loaned on the Credit of clear landed real Estates, double the Value of the said Bills so loaned to be pledged in such real Estates: That the aforesaid Sum be apportioned to the City of Newport, and the several Towns in this State, agreeable to the apportionment of the last State Tax, and be delivered to Two Trustees of the said City, and each of the said Towns, who are to be chosen and appointed by this General Assembly, for the Purpose of receiving and loaning out the said Bills to the Freeholders of the said City and the said Towns they shall represent: That each Freeholder shall have and receive of the said Trustees, after the Apportionment of the said Sum, an equal Part of such Apportionment, he giving Security agreeable to this Act; and that the said Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds be paid into the Grand Committee's Office, within and at the Expiration of Fourteen Years from the Time of emitting the same.*

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Messieurs Elijah Cobb, of Portsmouth, Nehemiah Knight, of Cranston, Jonathan J. Hazard, of Charlestown, Job Comstock, of East-Greenwich, and Samuel Allen, of Barrington, be a Grand Committee for the Purposes herein mentioned, who shall keep a public Office in the said City of Newport; and all necessary Expences of the said Office shall be paid out of the General-Treasury of this State: That Thomas Rumrell, Esq; be appointed Keeper of the said Grand Committee's Office, to receive and safely to keep all Deeds, Bonds, and other Papers, that shall be given to the Trustees of the said City and the said Towns, by the Individuals as aforesaid, for the Money loaned as aforesaid. And that the following Persons be appointed the said Trustees, to wit: Newport, Messieurs Thomas Freebody and Nicholas Easton; Providence, Messieurs James Arnold and George Olney; Portsmouth, Messieurs William Anthony, jun. and William Hall; Warwick, Messieurs Thomas Holden and Othniel Gorton; Westerly, Messieurs Christopher Babcock and Joseph Crandall; New-Scoreham, Messieurs John Sands and Caleb Littlefield; North-Kingstown, Messieurs William Hammond and George Thomas (Son of Samuel); South-Kingstown, Messieurs Stephen Hefzard and Samuel Potter; East-Greenwich, Messieurs Joseph Fry and Benjamin Tillinghast; Jamestown, Messieurs John Gardner and Rowland Robinson; Smithfield, Messieurs John Sayles and Andrew Waterman; Scituate, Messieurs Josiah Colvin and John Harris; Gloucester, Messieurs John Smith (Son of Benjamin) and Stephen Winfor; Charlestown, Messieurs Joseph Stanton, jun. and Benjamin Hoxie, jun. West-Greenwich, Messieurs Thomas Joslin and Gideon Waite; Coventry, Messieurs William Burlingame and Jeremiah Fenner; Exeter, Messieurs George Pierce and Joseph Reynolds, jun. Middletown, Messieurs Thomas Coggeshall and John Gould; Bristol, Messieurs Nathaniel Fales and Shearjashub Bourne; Tiverton, Messieurs Walter Cooke and Abraham Barker; Little-Compton, Messieurs Nathaniel Searle and Perez Richmond; Warren, Messieurs William T. Miller and Daniel Cole; Cumberland;

berland, Messieurs John S. Dexter and John Lapbam; Richmond, Messieurs James Sheldou and Thomas James; Cranston, Messieurs Stephen Knight and Stephen Sprague; Hopkinton, Messieurs Abel Tanner and Randal Wells; Johnston, Messieurs Abraham Belknap and Andrew Harris; North-Providence, Messieurs Stephen Jenckes and Hope Angell; Barrington, Messieurs Josiah Humphry and Nathaniel Martin; Foster, Messieurs John Westcot and Nehemiah Angell.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Individuals of the said City and the several Towns of this State, who shall receive Bills as aforesaid of the said Trustees, shall pay an Interest of Four per Centum per Annum, into the General-Treasury of this State, annually, for the Term of Seven Years from their having received the said Bills, and for the last Seven Years that no Interest be paid; and that One-Seventh Part of the aforesaid Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds be paid into the Grand Committee's Office aforesaid, in Seven equal annual Payments, during the last Seven Years of the said Fourteen Years, and be consumed with Fire.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Elijah Cobb, Nehemiah Knight, Jonathan J. Hazard, Job Comstock, and Samuel Allen, be a Committee to sign, divide, and cause to be printed; the aforesaid Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, into Bills of convenient Sums and Denominations, not to exceed Three Pounds, and not less than Sixpence; and to make such Checks and Devices, for the preventing of altering and counterfeiting the same, as to them may seem meet: That Three at least of the said Committee sign every Bill of Twenty Shillings and upwards, and that Two at least sign every Bill of a less Denomination: And that Messieurs William Borden and Thomas Freebody be and they are hereby appointed to superintend the Press at the printing of the said Bills.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Freeholders or Individuals aforesaid, so receiving Bills of the said Trustees, shall mortgage real Estates in double the Value of the Bills so received (the said Trustees having no Regard to the Wood or Timber growing on the Land, but to the real Land only) and also the said Seven Years Interest arising upon the same, at the Rate of Four per Centum per Annum, as aforesaid, to the Keeper of the said Grand Committee's Office, for the Use of the State; and also shall give Seven Bonds for the principal Sum of the said Bills in equal Apportionments, and also Seven Bonds in equal Sums for the Interest arising upon the same in the Term of Seven Years as aforesaid to the General-Treasurer, which last mentioned Bonds shall be delivered by the said Trustees to the General-Treasurer of this State, for the Recovery of the said annual Interest.

AND be it further Enacted, That the said Trustees of the said City, and the several Towns, and also the said Keeper of the aforesaid Grand Committee's Office, shall be duly engaged before a Justice of the Superior Court for the Discharge of their Trust, and shall give good

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good and sufficient Bonds to the General-Treasurer of this State for the true and faithful Discharge of their several Trusts, in double the Sum received by the said Trustees, and the said Keeper every Year in double the Sum annually to be brought into the said Grand Committee's Office : And as the said Trustees shall carry in their Proportions to the said Grand Committee's Office, they shall receive of the Keeper of the said Office a Certificate, which shall authorize the General-Treasurer to cancel the said Trustees' Bonds, upon their producing the same.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Bills so to be emitted shall be of the following Form and Tenor, to wit :

State of Rhode-Island, &c.

THIS Bill is equal to in Lawful Silver Money, and shall be received in all Payments within this State, agreeable to an Act passed by the General Assembly of said State, at their May Session, holden at the City of Newport, A. D. 1786.

Death to counterfeit.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Bills when emitted shall be a good and lawful Tender, for the complete Payment and final Discharge of all Debts now due and contracted, and that may hereafter become due and be contracted, and for the final and full Discharge of all Fines and Forfeitures, Judgments, and Executions, now had, become due, and recovered, of every and any Nature and Kind whatsoever, within this State.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Creditor or Creditors, their lawful Agent, or Attorney, shall refuse to receive any of the aforesaid Bills, in Discharge of any Debt or Demand, that then and in that Case it shall and may be lawful for the said Debtor to make Application to a Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. or to any Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, of the County wherein said Debtor lives, or is resident ; and the said Justice upon such Application shall grant Citation in the following Manner, to wit :

State of Rhode-Island, &c.

To the Sheriff of the County of his Deputy, or to either of the Town or City-Serjeants, or Constables, greeting.

CITE A. B. of &c. (or his Attorney, or Agent, as the Case may be) Creditor to C. D. to appear before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices of the Court at my Dwelling-House, in Ten Days from the Service hereof, to receive the Sum of Lawful Money, lodged with me, by the said C. D. Debtor to the said A. B. being the Principal and Interest due upon a Note (Bond, Account, Mortgage, Judgment of Court, &c. as the Case may be) upon the Penalty of the Law in such Case made and provided ; and make true Return of this Citation, with your Doings thereon, in Three Days from the Date hereof.

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Which Citation is to be served by the Officer personally upon the Creditor, or his Agent or Attorney, or in case of Absence, by leaving an attested Copy of the same at the Creditor's, his Agent's or Attorney's last and usual Place of Residence, or Abode. And in case the said Creditor, his Agent or Attorney, after having had such Notice, does not appear, agreeable to the said Citation, the said Justice shall give a Certificate, expressing the lodging the said Money; and the said Lodgment shall be deemed a sufficient Tender for every Purpose mentioned in this Act, which said Certificate shall be of the following Tenor, to wit :

State of Rhode-Island, &c.

To all whom it may concern.—Know ye, That C.D. of &c. on the Day of at my Dwelling-House at lodged with me the Sum of Pounds, Lawful Money, being in full of the Principal and Interest of a Sum of Money due from the said C.D. to A.B. of &c. That the said C.D. hath in all Respects complied with the Law respecting the Paper Currency; and that the said A.B. (or his Agent or Attorney, as the Case may be) hath been legally and duly notified thereof. And if the said Creditor, his Agent or Attorney, does not apply for the said Sum of Money so tendered and lodged in the Time aforesaid, the said Justice shall cause the said Tender or Lodgment to be notified and published in all the News-Papers in this State for the Term of Three Weeks, the Expence of which Publication, and all other Expences of the said Process, shall be defrayed out of the Money so lodged : That the said Certificate shall be a sufficient Plea in Bar to all and every Action and Actions that shall or may be brought for the Recovery of Money so lodged and tendered, and shall forever operate as a Discharge and a *bona fide* Payment of the said Debt, in all and every Court and Courts having Jurisdiction in this State : That the said Justice shall keep and have a fair Record of all his Acts and Doings touching the Premises, and shall have the same Fees for his Services as are now allowed by Law for Summons, Copies, &c. And that if the said Creditor, his Agent or Attorney, shall not, within the Space of the said Three Months, call for or demand the said Sum so tendered or lodged, the same shall be forever forfeit to and for the Use of this State, and shall be paid by the said Justice into the General-Treasury accordingly.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall counterfeit or alter any Bill, with Design to augment the Value thereof, and be thereof legally convicted at the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, &c. in this State, he, she or they, so offending, shall suffer the Pains of Death, without Benefit of Clergy.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Eleven Shillings and 7. Ten al- Elevenpence One Farthing, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of lowed £ 3 the General-Treasury to Mr. Thomas Tew, Keeper of the Gaol in the 11 s. 12 d. 3. County of Newport ; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners, committed at the Suit of the State.

WHEREAS Rowse J. Heime, and Henry Sherburne, Esquires, presented Reports upon unto this Assembly a List of Invalids, and their Report thereon, as Invalids. follow, to wit :

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An additional List of Invalids, resident within the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* who have been disabled in the Service of the United States, during the late War, and are in Consequence thereof entitled to receive a monthly Pension during Life, as affixed to their Names respectively, as a Compensation proportionable to their respective Disabilities and Sufferings, while in the Service of the United States, agreeably to an Ordinance of Congress, passed for their Relief, the Seventh Day of *June*, A. D. 1785.

| Names. | When inflicted. | Rank. | Monthly Pay. | Age. | Regiment, or Corps they served in. | Disability, and the Reasons that occasioned it. |
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| <i>Joseph Button</i> | 1786 May 6 | Private | 5 Dollars | 26 | <i>Rhode-Island</i> Regiment, commanded by Col. <i>Topham</i> | Loss of his left Leg, and Part of his Thigh, in an Action on <i>Rhode-Island</i> , the 28th of <i>August</i> , 1778. |
| <i>Edward Gavel</i> | May 6 | Private | 5 Dollars | 38 | Colonel <i>Christopher Lippitt</i> | Loss of the Use of his right Leg and Thigh, occasioned by a Ball passing through his Knee and Knee-Pan, which has caused his Thigh and Leg to wither. |
| <i>James Chapel</i> | May 6 | Private | 3½ Dollars | 32 | Colonel <i>Varnum</i> , in Captain <i>Colé's</i> Company | A Wound in the lower Part of his Belly, which passed through his Back, which he received at the Battle of <i>Hartem Heights</i> , on the 16th of <i>September</i> , 1776, and is still unhealed; and hath brought him into a weak and debilitated State. |

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to inspect the Wounds and Sufferings of the Soldiers, in the Service of the United States, during the late War, who were not heretofore inspected and enrolled, beg Leave to report, that we have examined the Persons above named and described, &c. and are of Opinion, that they are justly entitled for the future to receive the monthly Pay affixed to their respective Names.'

As we are not possessed of the Documents, whereby we can ascertain what Allowances they have heretofore received, we refer them to the Honourable Assembly to make such Grants as will relieve their present Distresses. All which is submitted by your Honours most obedient Servants,

ROWSE J. HELME, } Committee.
HENRY SHERBURN, }

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WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the said Invalids be enrolled, and be entitled to the said monthly Pay ; and that they receive the same, in the same Manner as other Invalids.

WHEREAS Mr. *Abner Woodward*, of the State of *Connecticut*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that in disposing of a Quantity of Provisions at the Market in the City of *Newport*, he took of divers Persons a Number of Coppers made of base Metal, not knowing the same to be otherwise than good : That in making Change to a Lad, he gave him Ten of the said Coppers : That soon after a Complaint was entered against him by the Father of the said Lad to Three Wardens of the said City, who having examined into the Facts, sentenced him to pay *Twelve Dollars* ; and that he is the only Person ever prosecuted in the said City upon the Law on which he was condemned, of which Law he was entirely ignorant : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly for Relief : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Abner Woodward* be and he is hereby exonerated and acquitted from this State's Part of the said Penalty, being *Five Dollars* ; and that the same be remitted to him.

A. Woodward's Petition granted.

WHEREAS there are divers corporate Bodies within this State, which have been incorporated for beneficial, charitable and religious Uses, who are possessed of Funds for carrying the same into Execution, who have lent their Money upon a moderate Interest to those that have had Occasion to borrow, and do not wish to receive the same, unless their Institutions have a Use for it : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Gold, Silver, or any other Species of Money, shall not be tendered unto any such corporate Body in Discharge of Money lent or due, unless the Person or Persons who borrowed or owe the same be sued, in which Case any Money being a legal Tender shall discharge the Debt, in the same Manner as Debts are to be discharged between Individuals : any Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

No Money a Tender to corporate Bodies, in case

WHEREAS

Sale of T. Wells's Estate postponed. WHEREAS Mr. Thomas Wells, the 2d, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that his real Estate is now notified to be sold in a few Days, at public Vendue, to satisfy the Town of Hopkinton's Part of the last Year's Tax : And thereupon prayed this Assembly, that the Officer may have Liberty to postpone the Sale of the said Estate for Six Weeks, that he may be enabled to collect the Money : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff be and he is hereby directed to postpone the Sale of the said Estate, till the next Session of this Assembly ; and that it be then sold.

J. Carter allowed £25 ss. 6d. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Twenty-five Pounds Two Shillings and Sixpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. John Carter ; in full Satisfaction of an Account, by him exhibited, for Printing done for the State, agreeable to the Report of the Committee who audited the same.

D. Cooke allowed £9 6s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Nine Pounds Six Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Daniel Cooke, Esq; it being the Balance of an Account, by him charged against Henry Ward, Esq; for Service done in the Secretary's Office ; and that the same be charged to the said Henry Ward.

Southwick and Barber allowed £3 19s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Three Pounds Nineteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs Southwick and Barber ; in full Satisfaction of an Account, by them exhibited, for Printing done for the State, agreeable to the Report of the Committee who audited the same.

P. Gardner's Petition. WHEREAS Mr. Paris Gardner preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he as a Deputy-Sheriff had a Clasp-Bill put in his Hands, to collect a Sum of Money from the Inhabitants of South-Kings-town, for their Deficiencies of Recruits for the Continental Battalions : That from the great Scarcity of Money he has been unable to collect the same : That he has taken a Number of Cattle by Distraint, and cannot sell them : That a Special Court has been called upon him and his Bondsmen, and they must be ruined, unless relieved ; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly to postpone the Execution for Two Months, to enable him to collect the Money, and pay the same into the General-Treasury :

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Execution be postponed till the next Session of this Assembly, provided the said Paris Gardner or his Bondsmen pay Three Hundred Dollars in Specie, out of the Money by him already collected, in Part Satisfaction of the said Judgment, and not otherwise.

Town-Councils, &c. in case *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That in case the Trustees appointed in the several Towns shall choose to borrow any of the Money ordered to be value Lands, emitted by the Act passed at the present Session, the Judge of Probate

bate for the City of *Newport*, and the several Town-Councils in the several Towns, be and they are hereby appointed to value the Land of the Trustees, in the said City and Towns respectively, to be pledged for the Money loaned, and to see that such Land is double in Value to the Money borrowed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Operation of the Act passed at Excise-Act the last Session of this Assembly, laying an Excise on certain enumerated Articles, be and the same is hereby suspended, till the next Session of this Assembly. suspended.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the collecting of the last Tax of Tax postponed Twenty Thousand Pounds be and the same is hereby postponed, till the next Session of this Assembly. ed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the first Deputy, in each and every Town in this State, be and they are hereby requested to enquire what Money is owing from any Individuals in their respective Towns to this State, and what Sums are in the Hands of the Collectors of Taxes; and that they use their Endeavours to cause such Collectors and Individuals to pay the same into the General-Treasury without Delay. Deputies to enquire into Money due to the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary cause the Act of this Assembly for emitting One Hundred Thousand Pounds, in Paper Bills, to be published in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers; and that he transmit a Copy thereof within Ten Days to each of the Persons appointed to execute any Part of the Duty therein prescribed. Act for emitting the Money to be published.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warwick*; and that *Abel Tanner*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Hopkinton*, for the Year ensuing. O. Gorton and A. Tanner appointed Justices.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Officers who have not been re-appointed, and in whose Places others have not been chosen, be and they are hereby continued in their respective Offices until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session, with the same Power and Authority they have heretofore had: That those Persons who are liberated upon Bonds continue at large: And that where Petitions are pending, praying for the Stay of Executions, the same be stayed till the next Session of this Assembly. Officers continued, Executions stayed, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sixpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Paper furnished, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower House. B. Bourne allowed £ 3 13 s. 6 d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Ten Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *John Richards*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for cleaning J. Richards allowed £ 1 10 s.

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cleaning the State-House, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

L. Clarke *It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Four Shillings, Lawful*
 allowed £ 1 Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr.
 4^s. *Latham Clarke*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

J. Dyre *It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Four Shillings, Lawful*
 allowed £ 1 Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Joseph*
 4^s. *Dyre*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

T. Melvill *It is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Thirteen Shillings, Law-*
 allowed £ 1 ful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr.
 13^s. *Thomas Melvill*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter, &c.

Adjournment. *It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assem-*
 bly unfinished. be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session :
 That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and
 passed, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and with-
 in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties
 in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their
 respective Counties ; and that this Assembly be and the same is here-
 by adjourned to the Fourth Monday in June next, then to convene
 at the State-House in the City of Newport.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

W I T N E S S ;

Henry Ward Lee

June, 1786.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Fourth *Monday* in *June*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, and in the Tenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, Esquire,
GOVERNOR.

THE HONOURABLE

Daniel Owen, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOSEPH STANTON, jun. Esq;

JOHN WILLIAMS, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;

GIDEON CLARKE, Esq;

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

OLIVER DURFEE, Esq;

} Assistants.

HENRY SHERBURNE, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honourable WILLIAM BRADFORD, *Esq*; *Speaker*.

NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq*;
Henry Marchant, *Esq*;
Mr. George Champlin,
John Topham, *Esq*;
Mr. Daniel Mafon.

PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq*;
John Brown, *Esq*;
Charles Keene, *Esq*;
Thomas Truman, *Esq*;

PORTSMOUTH :

Elijah Cobb, *Esq*;
Mr. William Anthony, *jun*.
Benjamin Hall, *Esq*;
Mr. Benjamin Brownell.

WARWICK :

Othniel Gorton, *Esq*;
Mr. Gideon Arnold,
Thomas Holden, *Esq*;
John Low, *Esq*;

WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;
Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Edward Hull,
Mr. William Littlefield.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

James Congdon, *Esq*;
Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Samuel Potter, *Esq*;
John Gardner, *Esq*;

EAST-GREENWICH :

Joseph Fry, *Esq*;
Job Comstock, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN :

Rowland Robinson, *Esq*;
Mr. John Howland.

SMITHFIELD :

John Sayles, *Esq*;
Andrew Waterman, *Esq*;

SCITUATE :

Mr. Nathan Bates,
Thomas Mowry, *Esq*;

GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Seth Hunt,
Stephen Winsor, *Esq*;

CHARLESTOWN :

Mr. Thomas Hoxsie,

Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Joslin, *Esq*;
Mr. William Mathewson.

COVENTRY :

William Burlingame, *Esq*;
Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.

EXETER :

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
Mr. Christopher Champlin.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. John Gould,
Mr. Thomas Coggeshall.

BRISTOL :

Mr. *Speaker*,
Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Benjamin Howland,
Mr. Joseph Almy.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. George Simmons,
Nathaniel Searle, *Esq*;

WARREN :

Robert Carr, *Esq*;
William Barton, *Esq*;

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. John Gould, *jun*.
John Lapham, *Esq*;

RICHMOND :

James Sheldon, *Esq*;
Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

Mr. Matthew Manchester,
Mr. Stephen Sprague.

HOPKINTON :

Abel Tanner, *Esq*;
Thomas Wells, *Esq*;

JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap, *Esq*;
Andrew Harris, *Esq*;

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Ezek Hopkins, *Esq*;
Mr. Edward Smith.

BARRINGTON :

Josiah Humphry, *Esq*;
Samuel Allen, *Esq*;

FOSTER :

Mr. John Westcott,
Mr. Christopher Colwell.

BENJAMIN BOURNE, *Esq*; *Clerk of the Lower House*.

I*T is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Truman*, Esq; be and he is *T Truman* to hereby appointed to make Sale of a Stone Roller belonging to the *Roller* State, late lying at *Field's Point*, in the County of *Providence*; and that the same be sold either at public or private Sale.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is *General-Treasurer* directed to apply immediately to *William Ellery*, Esq; Keeper of the *Treasurer* Continental Loan-Office in this State, for Interest Certificates for the *apply to W. Ellery for* Interest due on the Continental Loan-Office Certificates in the General-Treasury, belonging to this State; and that the said *William Ellery* be requested to issue and deliver to the General-Treasurer the said Interest Certificates immediately.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That a Gun, Bayonet and Cartouch-Box, *Gun, &c.* to out of the Guns, &c. in the Town of *Richmond*, belonging to this State, be delivered be delivered to Mr. *Simeon Clarke, jun.* in Lieu of the Gun and like *S. Clarke,* Accoutrements impressed from him for the Expedition on *Rhode-Island*, in the Year 1778, and turned into the public Store.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nine Pounds One Shilling and Four- Pence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the *Gene-ral-Treasury* to *Daniel Cooke*, Esq; it being the Balance of an Account *allowed £ 9 s. 4 1/2 d.* by him exhibited for Services done in the Secretary's Office; and that the same be charged to the Secretary.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Thomas Tillinghast* and *Joseph Fry* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

THE Subscribers being by the Honourable General Assembly, at their Session held at *Newport*, on the First *Wednesday* of *May* last, appointed a Committee to receive of *Andrew Boyd*, and *Hopkins Cooke*, Esquires, late Clerks of the Superior and Inferior Courts in the County of *Kent*, the Seals, Records, Files, and all the Papers belonging to their respective Offices, and deliver them to *James Ferauld*, and *Benjamin Howland*, Esquires, the present Clerks of the said Courts, have in Obedience thereto received of the said *Hopkins Cooke* the Seal, Records, Files, Schedules, Journals of Congress from *to* inclusive, and all the Papers belonging to the Clerk's Office of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County, and delivered them to the said *Benjamin Howland*, and given and taken Receipts therefor as directed. The said *James Ferauld* not accepting his Appointment, the Papers belonging to the Clerk of the Superior Court's Office are not shifted. All which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servants,

THOMAS TILLINGHAST, } Committee.
JOSEPH FRY,

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

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J. Jenckes added to the Committee to settle *C. Carr's* Account, &c. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Committee, heretofore appointed to examine the Account of *Caleb Carr*, deceased, heretofore Captain of *Fort-George*, exhibited by his Executor against the State, be requested to make further Enquiry respecting the said Account: That *John Jenckes*, Esq; be added to the said Committee; and that Report be made to this Assembly at the next Session.

Sale of House, &c. late *J. Wanton's*, postponed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sale of the Estate late Col. *Joseph Wanton's*, now belonging to the State, situate on the Point in the City of *Newport*, be adjourned till the First Monday in *August* next: That the same be then sold at public Vendue to the highest Bidder, for Lawful Money only: That the Committee heretofore appointed to sell the said Estate be continued for that Purpose; and that they cause the Sale of the said Estate to be notified Three Weeks successively in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers: That Twenty-five per Cent. of the Purchase-Money be paid at the Time of Sale, and the Remainder in Three Months from the said Time of Sale; and on Failure of the last Payment, the said Twenty-five per Cent. to be forfeited, and the Sale to be void: That any Two of the said Committee be authorized to make Sale of the said Estate; and that on the Payment of the Purchase-Money, agreeable to the Conditions of Sale, the General-Treasurer be directed to make and execute to the Purchaser a Deed with Warranty, conveying all the Right, Interest and Estate, which the said *Joseph Wanton* had in the same, previous to the said Estate's being confiscated.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That if the Money bid on the said Estate shall not be paid agreeable to the Conditions of Sale, in such Case the said Committee, or any Two of them, cause the said Estate to be again sold in Manner as aforesaid, and on the same Conditions; and that on the Conditions of Sale being complied with, the General-Treasurer be directed to execute a Deed as aforesaid.

Report upon *E. Hopkins's* Account. WHEREAS *John Mathewson*, and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, and their Report thereon, to wit:

Dr. State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Esek Hopkins*, late Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*.

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| 1786. | } To Balance due from said State, per Settlement, to <i>Esek Hopkins</i> , | } £ 45 19 3½ | | |
| March 1. | | | | |
| May 25. | } To Impost Orders paid into the Treasury, per Receipt, | } 676 11 0½ | | |
| | | | To One Ream of Paper, expended for Use of said Office of Impost, | } 1 0 0 |
| | | | To my Commissions on the Sum received, since the last Settlement of <i>March 1</i> , | |
| | £ 856 16s. 6d. at 3½ per Cent. | } 29 19 9½ | | |

June 16. Balance due to the State,

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| June 16. | | last Settlement made with said State, of | | |
| | | March 1, 1786, up to this Day, per | | |
| | | Abstract herewith rendered, | | |

Providence, June 16, 1786. The Subscribers being appointed by the Honourable the General Assembly to settle the Accounts of *Ezek Hopkins*, Esq; late Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, do report, that we have examined and compared the Vouchers of the above Account, and find a Balance due to the State of *One Hundred and Three Pounds Six Shillings and Fourpence Three Farthings*, Lawful Money, from the said *Ezek Hopkins*.

JOHN MATHEWSON, } Committee.
JOHN JENCKES, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That the said Account stand balanced, it appearing by a Receipt from the General-Treasurer that the said Balance hath been paid; and that the Bonds and Accounts outstanding be delivered to *Caleb Harris*, Esq; the present Collector, who is hereby directed to cause the outstanding Debts to be collected as soon as possible.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *George Hazard*, *John Jenckes*, and *Othniel Gorton*, Esquires, be a Committee to receive the Charter of the late Colony (now State) of *Rhode-Island, &c.* with the Exemplification thereof, and deliver the same to the present Governor and Deputy-Governor; and that the said Committee receive of the late Governor *Greene* the public Papers which may be in his Hands, and deliver them to the Secretary.

Committees
receive and
deliver the
Charter, &c.
to the present
Governor,
&c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Ward*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Providence*, be and he is hereby directed to pay to Mr. *William Martin* out of the Light-Money by him collected *Ten Pounds Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money; it being the Amount of Three Months Wages due to the said *William Martin*, as Keeper of the Light-House, agreeable to a Certificate by him exhibited.

H. Ward to
pay W. Martin
£ 10 10.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Commissioners be appointed on the Part of this State, to meet such Commissioners as are, or may be, appointed by the other States in the Union, at a Time and Place to be agreed on, to take into Consideration the Trade of the United States, to examine the relative Situations and Trade of the said States, to consider how far an uniform System in their commercial Regulations may be necessary to their common Interest and permanent Harmony, and to report to the several States such an Act relative to this important Object, as when unanimously ratified by them will enable the United States in Congress assembled effectually to provide for the same: That the Honourable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; and *Christopher Chamblin*, Esq; be and they are hereby appointed the Commissioners on the

J. Bowen and
C. Champlin
appointed
Commission-
ers respecting
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Part of this State; and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to send to each of the Supreme Executives of the several States in the Union a Copy of the foregoing Resolution as soon as may be.

Committee to enquire into the Circumstances of Land claimed by J. Almy.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *George Champlin*, and *John Jenckes*, Esquires, and the Attorney-General, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to examine into the Circumstances and Incumbrances of an Estate, now in the Possession of this State, lying partly in *Newport* and partly in *Middletown*, containing about Thirty Acres, and in which *Mr. Job Almy* claims a Right of Redemption; and that the said Committee also enquire, and report, the Title of this State to the said Estate.

Grant to the Delegates.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to advance, out of the General-Treasury, to the Honourable *James Manning*, and *Nathan Miller*, Esquires, *Five Hundred Dollars* each, in Interest Certificates on Loan-Office Certificates, belonging to the State: That they dispose of the said Interest Certificates on the best Terms they can, and apply the neat Proceeds to the defraying their Expences as Delegates in Congress, and account for the same in the Settlement of their Accounts as such.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That *Seventy-five Dollars*, in Specie, be paid out of the General-Treasury to the said *James Manning*, and *Twenty-five Dollars* in Specie to the said *Nathan Miller*, on the same Account; and that the Resolve of this Assembly, passed at last *February* Session, for advancing to them *Three Hundred Dollars* each, be rescinded.

Committee to settle H. Ward's Accounts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *John Mathewson*, *Paul Allen*, and *Jeremiah Olney*, be a Committee to settle the Accounts of *Henry Ward*, Esq; as Secretary and Intendant of Trade, with the State: That the said Committee proceed on the Business of their Appointment as soon as possible; and that this Assembly will not advance any Money out of the General-Treasury to the Secretary, till the said Accounts shall be adjusted.

S. Arnold and J. Carpenter restored to their Privileges.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Resolutions of this Assembly, heretofore passed, declaring *Stephen Arnold*, Esq; of *Warwick*, and *Mr. James Carpenter*, of the City of *Newport*, ineligible to Office within this State, be and the same are hereby rescinded.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the same *Stephen Arnold*, and *James Carpenter*, be and they are hereby declared to be entitled to all the Privileges of Freemen within this State, provided they have the lawful Qualifications.

W. Little allowed £3 3s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Pounds Three Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. William Little*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Washington*; it being the Amount of an Account, by him exhibited, for the Maintenance

tenance of *Ezekiel Hunt*, a poor Prisoner, committed at the Suit of the State.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Two Pounds Two Shillings*, Lawful *W. Little* al-
Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *William Little*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Washington*; it being
the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for the Expence of guard-
ing, by Order of the Sheriff, *James Rogers*, committed at the Suit of
the State.

WHEREAS *Mrs. Susannah Fowler*, of *North-Kingstown*, Widow, and *S. Fowler*
Administatrix to the Estate of *Richard Fowler*, deceased, late a Soldier allowed £ 58
in the Service of the United States, preferred a Petition and represented 5s. 10d.
unto this Assembly, that she has a Certificate given by the Secretary,
certifying that there is due to the Heirs of the said *Richard Fowler*
Fifty-eight Pounds Five Shillings and Tenpence, Silver Money: And that
she is in great Need of the Money; and thereupon prayed this Affem-
bly that the same may be paid her out of the General-Treasury:

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the
said Sum of *Fifty-eight Pounds Five Shillings and Tenpence*, with Com-
pound Interest from the First Day of *August*, A. D. 1780, be paid to
the said *Susannah Fowler* out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Charles Keen*, Esq; be and he is hereby *C. Keen* to sell
empowered to sell a Piece of Iron Ordnance, in the Fort at *Beacon-Hill*, in *Providence*, at public or private Sale; and that he report to
this Assembly at the next Session. Cannon.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Monry*, late a Private in the *Y. Monry*
Regiment commanded by Col. *Sherburne*, who was disabled in an enrolled as an
Skirmish with the *British* Troops, be enrolled as an Invalid, and be Invalid.
entitled to receive *Two Dollars and a Quarter* per Month during Life,
in the same Manner as the other enrolled Invalids.

WHEREAS *Edward Butterick*, of *New-Windsor*, in the Common- *E. Butterick*
wealth of *Massachusetts*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto allowed £ 22
this Assembly, that, in Part Compensation for his Services in the 15s. 3d.
Rhode-Island Regiment, he received a Note from the General-Trea-
surer, dated *July 29*, 1783, for *Twenty-two Pounds Two Shillings*, with
Interest thereon: That living at such a Distance renders it expensive
for him to apply for the same, and thereupon prayed this Assembly
that he may be paid out of the State Tax ordered by this Assembly
at the present Session: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and*
Resolved, That *Twenty-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Threepence*,
Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Edward Butterick* out of the Ge-
neral-Treasury, and out of the Tax ordered by this Assembly at the
present Session, in full Satisfaction for the said Note; and that the
said Note be lodged by the Secretary in the General-Treasurer's
Office, to be cancelled.

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Petition of
Smithfield and
Cumberland
for a Lottery
referred.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Towns of *Smithfield* and *Cumberland*, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that a Lottery may be granted them to raise a Sum of Money for the Purpose of digging a Trench round *Pawtucket* Falls, in order that the Fish may have a free Passage up *Pawtucket* River, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session; and that the Proprietors of the Land and Works near to *Pawtucket* Falls be notified, by Advertisement in the *Providence* News-Papers, then to appear to answer the same.



An A C T in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, made and passed by the General Assembly of this State, at their last *May* Session at *Newport*, for emitting the Sum of *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*.

Penalties up-
on Persons
depreciating
the Bills of
Credit.

WHEREAS it is highly necessary, and of the last and most important Consequence to the Government of all States, that the Proceedings of the Legislature be held in high Estimation, and the most sacred Regard; and that the Laws when promulgated be strictly adhered to, and punctually and most religiously obeyed.

AND whereas it is of the greatest Moment, that the aforesaid Emission of *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, which will have the greatest Tendency of any Thing within the Wisdom of this Legislature to quiet the Minds, and to alleviate the distressed Situation and Circumstances of the good Citizens of this State, should be kept in good Credit; and that the same should be a Currency, equal in Value to coined Gold and Silver: And whereas various Attempts have been made by a certain Class of Men, who, from mistaken Principles, suppose the said Currency to be injurious to their Interest, and from an Inclination to render invalid such Laws and Regulations of this Assembly, as may not quadrate with their Interest, Judgment and Opinion of Things, and for many other Causes, which, if permitted to exist, will support a Power in this State counter to the Authority chosen and appointed by the Suffrages of the free People thereof, and subversive of those Laws and Principles upon which the Happiness, Welfare and Safety, of the People depend:

THEREFORE, Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That any Person or Persons, who shall hereafter refuse to take the Bills of Credit of the aforesaid Emission of *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, in Exchange for any Article or Articles, which he, she or they, may have for and expose to Sale, agreeable to and for the Value mentioned on the Face of the said Bills, or shall,
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by making two Prices for his, her or their Goods, a Silver-Money less than a Paper-Money Price, or shall make any Difference in bartering or exchanging his, her or their Goods, in affixing a Value to his, her or their Goods, between the Paper Bills aforesaid, and the Goods so to be exchanged, or shall, by any overt Act, or overt Acts, of his, her or their own, or by his, her or their Directions, to any Person or Persons acting for or under him, her or them, or to any Person or Persons over whom he, she or they, may have Influence, or by any Ways, Means or Manner, whatsoever, or howsoever, tend to depreciate, discourage the passing or discountenance the Bills of Credit aforesaid, or in any Degree to lessen the true Value of the same, or by any Ways or Means whatsoever to invalidate, weaken or make void the Act afore alluded to, for emitting the aforesaid *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, he, she or they, so offending, shall, upon due Conviction thereof, for the first Offence, before any Court of General Sessions of the Peace in this State, or the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, forfeit and pay the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, One Moiety of the same to and for the Use of the Person who shall inform of and appear to prosecute the same, and the other Moiety to be paid into the General-Treasury of this State: And whatsoever Person or Persons shall be convicted, as aforesaid, of a second Offence, as aforesaid, he or they so offending shall be rendered incapable and unfit to elect, or to be elected, to any Office of Honour, Trust or Profit, within this State; and also, he, she or they, so offending a second Time, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, to be recovered and appropriated as aforesaid.

ORDERED, That this Act be published in all the News-Papers in this State.



WHEREAS *John Jenckes*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly a State Report upon *W. Barton's* Account, of an Account, and his Report thereon, as follow, *to wit* :

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *William Barton*, Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, Dr.

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| 1786. | To 14 Impost Orders, paid <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , | £ 66 | 15 | 7½ |
| May 6. | Esq; General-Treasurer, | | | |
| June 28. | To 11 Ditto, as per Receipt, | 24 | 7 | 3 |
| | To Commissions on £ 70 18s. 6¼, at 3½ per Cent. | 2 | 10 | 1½ |
| | | <hr/> £ 93 13 0 <hr/> | | |

Creditor.

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| 1785. | By Balance of Account, this Day settled by | £ 19 | 2 | 0 |
| Oct. 25. | Messieurs <i>Ezek Hopkins</i> and <i>Paul Allen</i> , | | | |
| | By Amount of Impost received of divers | | | |
| | Persons, as per Account, from June 15, | 70 | 19 | 7½ |
| | 1785, to June 25, 1786, | | | |
| | Balance due to <i>William Barton</i> , | 3 | 11 | 4½ |
| | | <hr/> £ 93 13 0 <hr/> June | | |

June, 1786.

June 30, 1786. The Subscriber being appointed by the Honourable the General Assembly to settle the above Account of *William Barton*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, has examined the Vouchers of the said Account, and finds the Balance of *Three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Fourpence One Farthing*, Lawful Money, due to the said *William Barton*. All which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servant,

JOHN JENCKES, Committee.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted, and that the said Sum of *Three Pounds Eleven Shillings and Fourpence One Farthing* be carried to the Credit of the said *William Barton*, in his new Account.

Tender-Act
repealed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Act of this Assembly passed at the Session in *March* last, entitled; "An Act for making real and certain enumerated Articles of personal Estate, at an appraised Value, liable under certain Restrictions for the Payment of Debts upon Execution," be and the same is hereby repealed: *Provided nevertheless*, that no Attachment, Deposit or Proceeding, of any Kind whatever, made in Consequence of the said Act, shall be by any Ways or Means effected; but that the same shall be valid, as though the said Act had not been repealed.

Justices to act
without
Commissions,
&c.

WHEREAS it is represented to this Assembly, that the Commissions for Justices of the Peace are not prepared by the Secretary: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the several Justices of the Peace, being duly engaged, be and they are hereby qualified to discharge the Functions and Duties of their Office, in the same Manner as though they had received their Commissions; and that the Proceedings of any Justice of the Peace elected at the Session in *May* last, and who has qualified himself by taking the Oath of Office, be not invalidated by Reason of such Justice not having received his Commission.

C. Gardner
jun. allowed
£ 2 10s. 6d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Two Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Christopher Gardner*, jun. it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for summoning divers Persons to attend the Superior Court, at their Term in the County of *Washington*, in *October* last, upon the Trial of *Amos Slack* for Forgery.

T. Tew al-
lowed £ 3
15s. 1½.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Thomas Tew*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Newport*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for the Maintenance of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State.

Grant to the
Delegates.

It is Voted and Resolved, That a further Sum of *Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars* each be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, in Interest Certificates, to the Honourable *James Manning*, and *Nathan Miller*,

Miller, Esquires, in Advance for their Services as Delegates; and that they dispose of the same on the best Terms in their Power, and account therefor.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, Tax assessed ordered to be assessed at the Session in *August* last, be collected and paid into the General-Treasury on or before the last Day of *October*, to be paid October next. A. D. 1786.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That an Abstract, exhibited unto this Assembly by *John Carr*, Gunner of *Fort Washington*, for the Pay of the Pay of himself and Four Oarsmen, who did Duty at the said Fort, from Men belonging to *Fort Washington* November 9, 1785, to *June* 9, 1786, amounting to *Seventy-one Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed; and that the same be paid to the said *John Carr*, out of the General-Treasury, for the Use allowed, £71 8s.

WHEREAS *Russel Salisbury*, of *Gloucester*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that at *September* Term of the Superior Court in the County of *Providence*, A.D. 1784, he was convicted of passing a counterfeit *English Shilling*, and sentenced by the said Court to pay a Fine to the State of *Nine Pounds*, Lawful Money, and remain in Custody till the said Fine was paid: That his Circumstances being such as rendered it impossible for him to pay the said Fine, the Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, to save Expence to the State, accepted of Security for the Payment of the same: That since his Enlargement he has used his utmost Endeavours to discharge the said Obligation, but by Reason of the Difficulty of the Times and his tender Years he has been unable to do it; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly that the said Fine may be remitted: *R. Salisbury's* Petition granted.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Fine be remitted; and that the Security given for the Payment thereof be cancelled and returned.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry Babcock*, Esq; in full for his Expences, Time and Trouble, in defending certain Actions brought against him by *George Irish*, Esq; for barracking Troops on him, and impressing his Horses, while he was Commander of the Troops in the Service of this State; the said *Henry Babcock* alledging his Conduct in those Respects originated from the Necessity of the Service, a Regard to the Conveniency of his Troops, and the Service of his Country. *H. Babcock* allowed £ 20.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *William Anthony*, *Ezekiel Hopkins*, *Samuel Potter*, *William Barton*, and *Thomas Holden*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to revise the Act for laying an Excise on certain enumerated Articles, passed at the Session in *March* last; and that the said Committee report as soon as may be *Committee to revise the Excise Act.*

Officers chosen

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Persons hereafter named be and they are hereby chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit* :

Stephen Arnold, Esq; of *Warwick*, Third Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace within and for the County of *Kent*.

Andrew Boyd, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Hopkins Cooke, *Benjamin Howland*, *Allin Johnston*, *Robert Baley*, *Samuel Tripp*, and *Stephen Greene*, Esquires, Justices of the Peace for the Town of *East-Greenwich*.

Nathaniel Gardner, and *Richard Gardner*, Esquires, Justices of the Peace for the Town of *South-Kingstown*.

Nathaniel Wade, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Gloucester*.

Josiah Colvin, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Scituate*.

Samuel Hunt, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *North-Kingstown*.

Gideon Comstock, *Stephen Arnold*, *Stephen Brayton*, and *Duty Winsor*, Esquires, Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Smithfield*.

Francis West, *John Maxson*, *William Tanner*, *Rofs Coon*, *John Phillips*, and *David Nichols*, Esquires, Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Hopkinton*.

S. Ward appointed a Commissioner.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Samuel Ward*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner, on the Part of this State, to meet other Commissioners from the States in the Union, agreeable to the Resolution of this Assembly at the present Session, in the Room of *Christopher Champlin*, Esq; who has declined.

M. Franklin's Petition referred to a Committee.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *George Champlin*, and *William Channing*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Facts set forth in a Petition, preferred unto this Assembly by *Mary Franklin*, of *Jamestown*, Widow, respecting her Ferry-Boat, &c. and that the said Committee report to the next Session of this Assembly.

Report of the Committee upon *Kent* Gaol.

WHEREAS *Thomas Helden*, *Othniel Gorton*, and *Job Comstock*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, *to wit* :

WE

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Honourable the General Assembly to view the Gaol at *East-Greenwich*, and make Report to this General Assembly whether the same is worth repairing or not, do report, that we have viewed the same, and do give it as our Judgment that it is not worth repairing, but think it best to sell the same, and build a new One. All which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servants,

THOMAS HOLDEN,
OTHNIEL GORTON, } Committee.
JOB COMSTOCK,

State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. Dr.
To 1 Day each, in doing the above Business, at } £ 0 18 0
6 s. per Day,

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the Amount of the said Account, being *Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid the said Committee out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Joseph Almy, Esek Hopkins, and Robert Carr*, Fees of the presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* : Trustees stated.

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee, to state the Fees of the Trustees for loaning the *One Hundred Thousand Pounds* ordered to be emitted *May Session*, A.D. 1786, agreeable to our Appointment do report as followeth, *to wit* : That the said Trustees shall be allowed for each Bond, *Sixpence* : For each Deed, *One Shilling and Sixpence* : For taking Acknowledgment of the Deed, *Fourpence* : For each Transfer of every Right, *One Shilling* : For valuing each Estate to be pledged within the Town, *Three Shillings and Sixpence* ; if out of the Town, *Six Shillings* : For recording each Deed, to the Town-Clerk, *One Shilling and Sixpence* : For each Certificate from the Town-Clerks, *Sixpence* : For searching the Records, *Fourpence*. The said Fees to be paid by the Borrower. All which is submitted by your most obedient Servants,

JOS. ALMY,
ESEK HOPKINS, } Committee.
ROBERT CARR,

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the Trustees, for loaning the said *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, be allowed the said Fees for their Services.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be *Southwick* advanced out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs *Southwick and Barber* and *Barber*, for printing the Bills of the Bank of *One Hundred Thousand Pounds* ; and that they account for the same. allowed £ 3 ~

T. Runreill *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Ninety Pounds*, Lawful
advanced Money, be advanced to *Thomas Runreill*, Esq; out of the General-
£ 90. Treasury, towards his Services as Keeper of the Grand Committee's
Office ; and that he account for the same.

E. Cobb al- *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thirty-two Pounds Nineteen Skillings*,
lowed £ 32 Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to
194. *Elijah Cobb*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhib-
ited, for Paper by him procured to print the Money upon.

Report upon WHEREAS *John Jenckes*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the fol-
G. Mumford's lowing State of an Account, and his Report thereon, *to wit* :
Account.

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Gideon Mumford*, Collector
of Impost for the County of *Kent*, Dr.

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| 1786. } June 29. } | To sundry Impost Orders, | £ 48 6 8½ |
| | Due from <i>Jacob Greene</i> , £ 58 0 6½ | |
| | Ditto <i>Gideon Arnold</i> , 0 19 8 | |
| | Ditto, Ditto, 0 5 0 | |
| | Ditto <i>Crary, Fry and Co.</i> 8 16 10 | |
| | Ditto <i>John Warner</i> , 1 1 9 | |
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| | | 69 3 9½ |
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| | | £ 117 10 6½ |

Creditor.

By the Amount of Duties to this Day, } £ 51 17 9
June 29, 1786,
Commissions at 3 per Cent. 1 10 9

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| 1786. } July 1. } | Balance now due to the State, | £ 50 7 0 |
| | | 67 3 6½ |
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| | | £ 117 10 6½ |

East-Greenwich, June 29, 1786.

Errors excepted,

Per GIDEON MUMFORD.

THE Subscriber being appointed by the Honourable the General Assembly to settle the Account of *Gideon Mumford*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Kent*, have examined the Vouchers, &c. and find a Balance of *Sixty-seven Pounds Three Skillings and Sixpence One Farthing*, Lawful Money, due to the State from the said *Gideon Mumford*. All which is submitted by your Honours most obedient Servant,

JOHN JENCKES, Committee.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Sixty-seven Pounds Three Skillings and Sixpence One Farthing* be paid by the said *Gideon Mumford* into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Messieurs *Thomas Holden, S. Hazard, and Jonathan F. Hazard*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report of the
Committee
explaining
the Act for
loaning the
Money.

THE Committee to whom were referred certain Doubts respecting the Bill for emitting *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, beg Leave to report it as their Opinion, that no Freeholder have more than One Right, and that to be apportioned to him in the Town where he lives, whether he has Estate in such Town or not : That if a Freeholder has not sufficient Estate to give double Security for his Share, he may have Liberty to sell or dispose of the Whole of his Share, or the Residue; and that no Freeholder be entitled to his said Share, except he shall apply for the same within Three Weeks after due Notice given by the Trustees. All which is submitted by your Honours most obedient Servants,

THOMAS HOLDEN,
S. HAZARD,
JONATHAN J. HAZARD, } Committee.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted ; and that the same be and hereby is passed into an Act.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, Lawful Money, be advanced out of the General-Treasury to each of the Superintendants of the Press for printing the Money, to wit : Messieurs *Thomas Freebody* and *William Borden*, on Account of their Services ; and that they account for the same. T. Freebody
and W. Borden
allowed
£ 10 each.

ON the Application of the Grand Committee, appointed to sign the Money, for a Grant out of the Treasury for their Services, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs *Samuel Allen, Elijah Cobb, Nebemiah Knight, and Jonathan F. Hazard* : That they account for the same ; and that it be divided equally between them. Grand Com-
mittee allow-
ed £ 100.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer cause to be made out and laid before this Assembly, at the next Session, an Abstract of all the Notes by him issued as General-Treasurer, including the Notes of every Description, and containing their Dates, Sums, and to whom given : That the said Abstract distinguish the Securities given for Notes bearing *Six per Cent.* Interest, from those bearing *Four per Cent.* Interest, and also note the Amount of Securities discharged and cancelled ; and that in the said Abstract be also distinguished the Securities given for Paper Money Bills bearing *Two and an Half per Cent.* Interest. General-
Treasurer to
exhibit at the
next Session
an Abstract
of Notes is-
sued, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, *C. Gardner*, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Christopher Gardner, jun.* it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for serving a allowed
£ 0 18 0.
Capias

June, 1786.

Capias and Four Summons, in the Case Governor and Company, vs Daniel Sunderlin, at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace held in the County of Washington, in February last.



AN ACT for granting and apportioning a Tax of Twenty Thousand Pounds, Lawful Money, upon the Inhabitants of this State.

Tax of
£ 20,000 or-
dered.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That a Tax for raising the Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds, Lawful Money, be granted and assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this State, on or before the First Day of September next; and that the said Sum of Twenty Thousand Pounds be collected and paid into the General-Treasury of this State on or before the Fifth Day of January, A. D. 1787.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax be Ten Shillings, Being Sixpence upon every Thousand Pounds: And that all male Persons of Twenty-one Years of Age and upwards (excepting settled Ministers of the Gospel) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Tax shall be and the same is hereby assessed unto and upon the City of Newport, and the several Towns in this State, in the following Proportions, to wit:

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| Newport shall pay | £ | 1130 | 0 | 0 | |
| Portsmouth, | | 617 | 12 | 0 | |
| Jamestown, | | 320 | 0 | 0 | |
| Middletown, | | 340 | 19 | 4 | |
| Tiverton, | | 707 | 13 | 4 | |
| Little-Compton, | | 579 | 0 | 0 | |
| New-Shoreham, | | 224 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | <hr/> | | | £ 3919 4 8 |
| Providence, | | 1608 | 6 | 8 | |
| Smithfield, | | 1286 | 13 | 4 | |
| Scituate, | | 675 | 10 | 0 | |
| Gloucester, | | 1003 | 12 | 0 | |
| Cumberland, | | 591 | 17 | 4 | |
| Cranston, | | 791 | 6 | 0 | |
| Johnston, | | 413 | 0 | 4 | |
| North-Providence, | | 289 | 10 | 0 | |
| Foster, | | 463 | 4 | 0 | |
| | | <hr/> | | | 7122 19 8 |
| | | | | | Westerly, |

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| <i>Westerly,</i> | £ 614 | 0 | 8 | | |
| <i>North-Kingstown,</i> | 937 | 2 | 8 | | |
| <i>South-Kingstown,</i> | 1644 | 0 | 0 | | |
| <i>Charlestown,</i> | 511 | 18 | 0 | | |
| <i>Richmond,</i> | 444 | 18 | 2 | | |
| <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 575 | 8 | 8 | | |
| <i>Exeter,</i> | 646 | 4 | 0 | | |
| | <hr/> | | | £ 5373 | 12 2 |
| <i>Bristol,</i> | 420 | 1 | 10 | | |
| <i>Warren,</i> | 254 | 2 | 4 | | |
| <i>Barrington,</i> | 197 | 9 | 10 | | |
| | <hr/> | | | 871 | 14 0 |
| <i>Warwick,</i> | 1112 | 10 | 0 | | |
| <i>East-Greenwich,</i> | 512 | 1 | 8 | | |
| <i>West-Greenwich,</i> | 458 | 1 | 2 | | |
| <i>Coventry,</i> | 629 | 16 | 8 | | |
| | <hr/> | | | 2712 | 9 6 |
| | <hr/> | | | £ 20,000 | 0 0 |

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the City or Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of the said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum in which they shall be deficient until the same be paid : That the City or Town which shall be delinquent shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer : That the Collectors of Taxes in the said City and several Towns be and they are hereby empowered and directed to collect the Interest with the Principal from the delinquent Individuals, after the aforesaid Time : And that in case any Execution shall be issued from the General-Treasurer against the Treasurer of the said City or any delinquent Town, the Collectors be and they are hereby empowered and directed to collect from the individual Delinquents all the Costs and Expences which shall accrue thereon, in Proportion to the Sums due from such Delinquents respectively.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the said City or Town to which they respectively belong, on or before the First Day of September next, who is hereby directed and required to send a Copy thereof, within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same, to the General-Treasurer ; and that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed and required to issue his Warrant within Four Days to the said City and several Town-Treasurers, to be by them delivered to the several Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

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IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said City and each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting, its Part of the aforesaid Tax : And that upon the Refusal or Neglect of the said City or any Town in this State to assess, levy, collect, and pay into the General-Treasury, their Proportion of the said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Execution against the City or Town-Treasurer of the said City or such Town, for its Proportion or Deficiency of the said Tax, which Execution shall be returnable in Ten Days after the Date thereof.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said City-Treasurer and the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sue out and prosecute the Bond and Security, that shall be by him taken from the Collectors of the said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Bond and Security shall be so taken ; which Special Court shall be convened in the usual Manner, have the same Power as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State, and take the same Fees. And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said City-Clerk and the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this State be and they are hereby required to send the Names of the said City-Treasurer and several Town-Treasurers and Collectors of Taxes, of the said City and respective Towns, to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time they shall send a Copy of the Rate-List.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors of Taxes be and they are hereby empowered to consider the Circumstances of the Poor in the said City and respective Towns, and exempt such from the Poll-Tax as they shall think unable to pay the same.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said City and several Towns be and they are hereby empowered to make Choice of new Assessors and Collectors, for assessing and collecting the said Tax.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Twenty Thousand Pounds be appropriated to and for such Uses as the General Assembly shall or may hereafter direct.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to send Copies of this Act to the said City-Treasurer, and to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of the said City and Towns. And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same

same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That there be advanced out of the General-Treasury, to the Honourable *Jabez Bowen*, Esq; and Colonel *Samuel Ward*, Four Hundred Dollars each, in Interest Certificates, towards their Expences and Services as the Commissioners on the Part of this State, on commercial Regulations; and that they make the best Sale of the said Certificates in their Power, and account for the Proceeds.

J. Bowen and *S. Ward* allowed 400 Dollars each in Facilities.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Benjamin Johnson*, *Jonathan Dean*, *Thomas Joslin*, *Gideon Wait*, *Samuel Hopkins*, jun. *John Parker*, and *Abel Mathewson*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed Justices of the Peace for the Town of *West-Greenwich*: And that *Andrew Boyd*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *East-Greenwich*.

Justices appointed for *Kent*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry Sberburne*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as Deputy-Secretary.

H. Sberburne allowed £ 3 12 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds Five Shillings and Threepence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Benjamin Bourne*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Paper, &c. furnished, and for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as Clerk of the Lower House.

B. Bourne allowed £ 4 5 s. 3 d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Thomas Tew*, for his Attendance on this Assembly; at the Session in *May* last, and at the present Session, as a Waiter.

T. Tew allowed £ 3.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Lathan Clarke*, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

L. Clarke allowed £ 1 16 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Thomas Melvill*, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

T. Melvill allowed £ 1 16 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Sixteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *John Richards*.

J. Richards allowed £ 1 16 s.

June, 1786.

John Richards, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

J. Dyre allowed £ 1 10 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That One Pound Ten Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Joseph Dyre*, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

Time length-
ened for
numbering
Sheep. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Inhabitants within this State who have not numbered their Sheep, agreeable to the "Act encouraging the Growth of Sheep within this State," that passed at the Session in *March* last, be and they are hereby permitted to number their Sheep on the First *Monday* in *August* next, and on the next succeeding *Wednesday* to make Return to the Town-Clerk, agreeable to the said Act, who is hereby directed to issue Certificates accordingly for the Payment of the Bounty, agreeable to the Act aforesaid; and that the same be published in the News-Papers in this State.

Officers con-
tinued, and
Executions
stayed, where
Petitions are
pending. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Officers who have not been re-appointed, and in whose Places others have not been chosen, be and they are hereby continued in their respective Offices until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session; and that all Executions, for the staying whereof Petitions are pending before this Assembly, be stayed till the Rising of this Assembly at the said Session.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the last *Monday* of *October* next, then to meet at the State-House in *Providence*; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be and hereby is dissolved.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and held (in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Excellency the Governor) at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Tuesday* the Twenty-second Day of *August*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, and in the Eleventh Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, Esquire,
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DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several T O W N S.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, Esquire, Speaker.

NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Henry Marchant, *Esq*;
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 John Topham, *Esq*;
 Mr. Daniel Maſon.

PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq*;
 John Brown, *Esq*;
 Charles Keen, *Esq*;
 William Rhodes, *Esq*;

PORTSMOUTH :

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 William Anthony, *jun. Esq*;
 Benjamin Hall, *Esq*;
 Mr. Benjamin Brownell.

WARWICK :

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 Mr. Gideon Arnold,
 Thomas Holden, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Low.

WESTERLY :

Joſeph Noyes, *Esq*;
 Mr. Walter White.

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 Mr. William Littlefield.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

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 Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq*;
 John Gardner, *Esq*;

EAST-GREENWICH :

Joſeph Fry, *Esq*;
 Job Comſtock, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN :

Rowland Robinson, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Howland.

SMITHFIELD :

John Sayles, *Esq*;
 Andrew Waterman, *Esq*;

SCITUATE :

Nathan Bates, *Esq*;
 Thomas Mowry, *Esq*;

GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Seth Hunt,
 Stephen Winſor, *Esq*;

CHARLESTOWN :

Mr. Thomas Hoxſie,
 Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Joſlin, *Esq*;
 Mr. William Mathewſon.

COVENTRY :

William Burlingame, *Esq*;
 Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.

EXETER :

Mr. Joſeph Reynolds,
 Mr. Chriſtopher Champlin.

MIDDLETOWN :

John Gould, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas Coggeſhall.

BRISTOL :

Mr. Speaker,
 Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Benjamin Howland,
 Mr. Joſeph Almy.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. George Simmons,
 Nathaniel Searle, *Esq*;

WARREN :

Robert Carr, *Esq*;
 William Barton, *Esq*;

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. John Gould, *jun.*
 Mr. John Lapham.

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 Mr. Thomas James.

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 Mr. Stephen Sprague.

HOPKINTON :

Abel Tanner, *Esq*;
 Thomas Wells, *Esq*;

JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap, *Esq*;
 Andrew Harris, *Esq*;

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Eſek Hopkins, *Esq*;
 Mr. Edward Smith.

BARRINGTON :

Jotiah Humphry, *Esq*;
 Samuel Allen, *Esq*;

FOSTER :

John Weſtcott, *Esq*;
 Mr. Chriſtopher Colwell.

BENJAMIN BOURNE, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower Houſe.

I*T is Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to publish in all the News-Papers in this State, the Resolution of Congress of the Twenty-seventh Day of *June*, A. D. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, directing the Court of Appeals to meet at *New-York* on the First *Monday* of *November* next.

Secretary to publish the Time of the Sitting of the Court of Appeals.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *John Brown*, *John Jenckes*, and *William Rhoades*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to enquire into the Subject Matter of a Petition, preferred unto this Assembly by *Thomas Tate*, praying that the General-Treasurer may be directed to pay him *Nineteen Pounds Twelve Shillings*, in Virtue of a Letter of Attorney, which he holds of *Prince Jenckes*, an Invalid: And that the said Committee report as soon as may be.

Committee to enquire into *T. Tate's* Petition.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *George Champlin*, Esq; be, and he is hereby added, to the former Committee, appointed to enquire into the Money paid by this State, on existing Requisitions of Congress: That they exhibit a true State of the Account of this State with the United States on such Requisitions; and that they report as soon as may be.

G. Champlin added to the Committee to enquire into the Requisitions of Congress.

WHEREAS the Committee heretofore appointed to sell the Estate late of *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq; situate on the Point, in the City of *Newport*, have represented to this Assembly, that but few Persons appeared at the Time and Place appointed for the said Sale, in order to bid on the said Estate: That several other Causes rendered it inexpedient and improper to sell the same by the Time prescribed by the Resolution of this Assembly; and that they did therefore adjourn the same to a future Day: And whereas it is necessary that the said Estate should be sold as soon as may be after proper Notification thereof: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Committee, to wit: Messieurs *Ezek Hopkins*, *Daniel Mason*, and *Caleb Gardner*, be, and they are hereby continued, a Committee for the Purpose of making Sale of the said Estate: That the same be sold on the Twentieth Day of *September* next, in the same Manner, and on the same Conditions, as directed and mentioned in the former Resolve of this Assembly for making Sale of the said Estate: That if the Inclemency of the Weather on the said Twentieth Day of *September* be such as in the Opinion of the said Committee to render it improper to sell the same on that Day, in such Case, they proceed to the Sale on the next fair Day: That the General-Treasurer, on being ascertained of the Compliance of the Purchaser with the Conditions of Sale, execute a Deed to such Purchaser, as heretofore directed in the Resolve before referred to; and that the said Committee cause the Sale of the said Estate to be notified, by Advertisement in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers, Three Weeks successively.

J. Wanton's Estate on the Point in *Newport* to be sold.

WHEREAS *Henry Babcock*, Esq; hath represented to this Assembly, that he hath lost the Order on the General-Treasury, given him

H. Babcock to have an Order for £.²⁰ in Lieu of one Lost.

him by the Secretary, for the Payment of *Twenty Pounds*, granted him by this Assembly at the last Session : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to give to the said *Henry Babcock* another Order for the said Sum of *Twenty Pounds* : That the first Order which was lost as aforesaid be cancelled and annulled, and the same be not paid or received at the General-Treasury : And that the General-Treasurer cause an Advertisement to be inserted in the *Newport Mercury*, cautioning all Persons not to receive the said Order, and notifying the Loss and annulling of the same as aforesaid.

General-
Treasurer to
receive Pa-
per Currency
for Conti-
nental Taxes

WHEREAS some Doubt hath arisen, whether the Currency of this State is receivable in Payments at the General-Treasury in Discharge of the Continental Taxes in Arrear, as well the last as any previous Tax : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Continental Taxes in Arrear, be paid by the Citizens of this State to the several Collectors of Taxes in the Paper Currency, lately emitted by this State ; in the Facilities issued by the Loan-Officers of the United States, for the Interest due on the Loan-Office Certificates, and other liquidated Debts of the United States ; in the Certificates issued by the General-Treasurer to the Teamsters ; or in the Certificates issued by the General-Treasurer to the Invalids ; all of which shall be received : And the General-Treasurer is hereby directed to receive the same of the several Collectors in Payment of any of the aforesaid Taxes.



Inferior
Court *Bristol*
revived.

WHEREAS the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, which by Law was to have been holden at *Bristol*, within and for the County of *Bristol*, on the First *Monday* of *July* last, was prevented from sitting, by Reason that the Justices of the said Court were not seasonably furnished with their Commissions : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Court be revived, and that the same be holden at *Bristol*, within and for the said County of *Bristol*, on the Second *Monday* of *October* next : That all Writs and other Process which was returnable to the said Court at the said Term in *July*, be returned to the said Court to be convened as aforesaid on the said Second *Monday* in *October* : That all Business which was to have been heard and determined by said Court at their said Term in *July*, be heard and determined when the said Court shall be convened as aforesaid, in the same Manner as though the said Court had been holden at the usual Term Time as aforesaid : That Appeals from Judgments of the said Court be allowed to the Superior Court, to be holden on the *Wednesday* next following the said Second *Monday* in *October* ; any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding : And that this Resolve be published in all the News-Papers in this State.



WHEREAS

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Affize, and General Gaol-Delivery, which by Law was to have been holden at *Bristol*, within and for the County of *Bristol*, on the Second *Monday* of *April* last, did not convene, by Reason of the Non-Attendance of the Justices of the said Court: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*; That Executions and other Procefs which was returnable to the said Court, be returned to the said Court when next convened: That said Court be convened at *Bristol*, within and for the said County of *Bristol*, on the Second *Wednesday* of *October* next: That all Business which was to have been heard and determined by the said Court at their said Term in *April*, be heard and determined at said *October* Term, in the same Manner as though said Court had convened at *April* Term aforesaid: That the said Court, which by Law is to be holden on the Second *Monday* of said *October*, be adjourned to the Second *Wednesday* of the said Month: And that this Resolve be published in all the News-Papers of this State.

Superior
Court *Bristol*
revived.



An ACT, in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, entituled, “An Act, in Addition to and Amendment of an Act, made and passed by this Assembly, at their Session holden at *Newport*, in *May* last, for emitting the Sum of *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, in Bills of public Credit.”

WHEREAS it is an established Maxim in Legislation, and ought to be strictly and most punctually adhered to in all wise Governments, that Procefs upon the Breach of penal Laws be immediate, and the Penalty be inflicted or exacted directly consequent upon Conviction: And whereas the usual and stated Methods and Times of holding Courts within this State are impracticable, inexpedient, and inapplicable to the true Intent and Meaning of the said Act, and altogether insufficient to carry into Effect the good Purposes of this Legislature, touching the same: Therefore,

Penal Sta-
tute respect-
ing Bills of
Credit.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Mode of Procedure, and the Method of Law Procefs, against any Person or Persons who shall be guilty of a Breach of the aforesaid Act, or any Part thereof, so that such Person or Persons would thereby be subject to the Penalty of the same, shall be as followeth, *to wit*: That the Complainant shall apply to either of the Judges of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. within this State, or to either of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, within the County where such Offence shall be committed, and lodge his certain Informa-

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tion, which shall be issued by the said Judge in the following Form, *to wit* :

ff. “Be it remembered, that *A. B.* of in the County of who, as well for the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island, and Providence-Plantations*, as for himself, doth prosecute, cometh before me, *C. D.* one of the Justices of the Court the Day of in the Year of in his proper Person ; and as well for the said Governor and Company as for himself, giveth me and the said Court to understand and be informed, that *E. F.* of in the County of on the Day of in the Year aforesaid, at aforesaid, in the County aforesaid, not regarding the Laws and Statutes of the said State, but the same intending to break, make void and annul, with Force and Arms (here insert the Offence, with legal Precision) against the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided : Whereupon the aforesaid *A. B.* as well for the said Governor and Company as for himself, prayeth the Advice of the said Court in the Premises ; and that the aforesaid *E. F.* may forfeit the Sum of according to the Form of the Statute aforesaid ; and that he the same *A. B.* may have one Moiety thereof, according to the Form of the Statute aforesaid ; and also, that the aforesaid *E. F.* may come before the Court, to be especially convened at in Three Days from the Date hereof, to answer concerning the Premises.”

AND hereupon the said Judge shall command to the said *E. F.* that all other Things omitted, he be in his proper Person at the said Court, for the said County, to be especially convened on the Day of at to answer as well to the said Governor and Company, as to the said *A. B.* who as well for the said Governor and Company as for himself doth prosecute of and concerning the Premises ; and further to do and receive what the said Court shall consider in this Behalf. All which shall be signed and sealed by the said Judge, and directed to the Sheriff, or his Deputy, of the County where the Offender lives or may be found ; and the said Sheriff, or his Deputy, shall serve the same agreeable to Law, and make Return forthwith ; and that the said Judge, immediately upon his issuing the same, appoint a Place for the holding said Court, and give Notification in Writing to all the other Judges of said Court, of the Time and Place of holding the same ; and that the said Judge, so applied to as aforesaid, take good and sufficient Bonds of the aforesaid *A. B.* the Complainant, for the Payment of all lawful Cost that may accrue, provided the said Complaint should be dismissed as groundless, or should not be prosecuted to Effect : *Provided however*, That the Offence against said Act be tried in the County where such Offence shall be committed. *Provided also*, That no Complaint or Information shall be received by any of the Justices of the said Courts, that shall not be made in due Form according to this Act, within Ten Days after the Offence shall be committed.

AND

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Court, when so convened, shall proceed to the Trial of said Offender; and they are hereby authorized so to do, without any Jury, by a Majority of the Judges present, according to the Laws of the Land, and to make Adjudication and Determination: That Three Members be sufficient to constitute a Court; and that the Judgment of the Court, if against the Offender so complained of, be forthwith complied with, or that he stand committed to the County Goal where the said Court may be sitting till Sentence be performed: That no Complainant or Informer be admitted as a competent Witness to support his Information; and that the said Judgment of said Court shall be final and conclusive, and from which there shall be no Appeal; and in said Process no Effoin, Protection, Privilege or Injunction, shall be in anywise prayed, granted or allowed.

AND be it further Enacted, That the legal Mode of carrying the afore-recited Act into Execution shall be in Force fully and completely, for every Purpose therein mentioned and contained, until all Offences against the same which have been committed or complained of, and which may be committed and complained of until the Expiration of Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, may be fully heard, tried and determined; any thing in this Act to the contrary in anywise notwithstanding

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whatsoever Person or Persons shall be duly convicted as aforesaid, by the Court aforesaid, of any or either of the Offences in the Act afore-recited, enumerated, mentioned and expressed, shall for the first Offence forfeit and pay as a Fine not less than the Sum of *Six Pounds*, lawful Money, and not exceeding the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*, at the Discretion of the Court; one Moiety thereof to and for the Use of the Person who shall inform of and appear to prosecute the same, and the other Moiety to be paid into the General-Treasury of this State; and that the Offender so convicted pay all Costs of Prosecution and Conviction; and also he, she or they, so offending again, for every after Offence, upon due Conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay not less than *Ten Pounds*, and not exceeding *Fifty Pounds*, lawful Money, to be recovered and appropriated agreeable to this Act.

IT is Ordered, That the Secretary cause Copies of this Act to be inserted in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty Pounds*, lawful Money, *Southwick* be advanced and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs *Southwick* and *Barber*, on an Account by them exhibited for print-allowed
ing the Money lately emitted by this Assembly: And that *Thomas* £ 30, &c.
Holden, and *Arthur Fenner*, jun. Esquires, be, and they are hereby
appointed

appointed a Committee to examine the said Account, and report as soon as may be.

Petition of
the Amica-
ble Society
Tiverton
granted.

WHEREAS the Amicable Society in the Town of *Tiverton* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the said Society did not meet on the First *Tuesday* in *June* last for the Election of their Officers, agreeable to their Charter : And thereupon they prayed this Assembly, that they may be empowered to meet on the First *Tuesday* in *September* next, for that Purpose : And that the Officers which may be elected on that Day may continue in their respective Offices until the First *Tuesday* in *June* next, in the same Manner, and with the same Authority as though they had been regularly chosen, agreeable to their Charter : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted : And that on the said First *Tuesday* in *June* next, the said Society proceed to elect their Officers agreeable to the Charter, in the same Manner, and with the same Authority as though no Omission had taken Place.

Last Tax of
£20,000 to
be paid First
of November
next.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Tax of *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, ordered by this Assembly at the Session in *June* last, be collected and paid into the General-Treasury on or before the First *Monday* in *November* next : That such Towns as have neglected to cause the said Tax to be assessed, cause the same to be assessed within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and make Return to the General-Treasurer within Six Days after, who is hereby directed to issue his Warrants to the several Towns accordingly : And that the several Towns who have neglected to choose Assessors and Collectors, be, and they are hereby empowered, to choose the same at any Time within the aforesaid Ten Days.

H. Sberburne
allowed £7
10s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Henry Sberburne*, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as Deputy-Secretary, and for copying divers Acts of this Assembly at divers Sessions, &c.

T. Melvill
allowed £1
16s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Thomas Melvill*, for cleaning the State-House, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

T. Tew al-
lowed £1 4s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Pound Four Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. Thomas Tew*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

J. Richards
allowed £1
16s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *One Pound Sixteen Shillings*, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *Mr. John Richards*, for cleaning the State-House, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Ten Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Latham Clarke*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter. L. Clarke allowed £1 10s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Ten Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. *Joseph Dyre*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter. J. Dyre allowed £1 10s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred, to the next Session : That the Acts and Orders passed at the present Session be published in the City of *Newport* within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty that Copies thereof be sent to the several Sheriffs, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties : That this Assembly be, and the same is hereby adjourned to the *Friday* next preceding the last *Monday* in *October* next, if then called ; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is dissolved : And, that the new Assembly convene at the State-House in *Providence*, on the said last *Monday* of *October* next.

G O D save the United States of *A M E R I C A*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS, *Henry Ward Swickard*



At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of Rhode-Island and Providence-Plantations, begun and held (in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Excellency the Governor) at Newport, within and for the State aforesaid, on Monday the Second Day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, and in the Eleventh Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T

His EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, Esquire,

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| GLOUCESTER: | Josiah Humphrey, Esq; |
| Mr. Seth Hunt, | Samuel Allen Esq; |
| Stephen Winsor, Esq; | FOSTER: |
| CHARLESTOWN; | John Westcott, Esq; |
| Mr. Thomas Hecatie, | Mr. Christopher Colwell. |

BENJAMIN BOURNE, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty Pounds Lawful Money, be advanced to Messieurs Southwick and Barber out of the General-Treasury, on Account of their Charge against the State for printing and impressing the Bills of the £100,000 Bank; and that the same be charged to them accordingly.

£30. advanced Southwick and Barber.

WHEREAS it appears that the Honorable the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, &c. at the last September Term of the said Court, in the County of Newport, have by a Judgement of the said Court declared and adjudged an Act of the Supreme Legislature of this State to be unconstitutional, and so absolutely Void: And whereas it is suggested that the aforesaid Judgment is unprecedented in this State, and may tend directly to abolish the Legislative Authority thereof: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That all the Justices of the said Court be forthwith cited by the Sheriffs of the respective Counties in which they live or may be found, to give their immediate Attendance on this Assembly, to assign the Reasons and Grounds of the aforesaid Judgment: And that the Clerk of the said Court be directed to attend this Assembly at the same Time, with the Records of the said Court which relate to the said Judgment.*

Justices of the Superior Court and Clerk for the County of Newport to appear before this Assembly.

WHEREAS Messieurs Esek Hopkins, Caleb Gardner, and Daniel Mason, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit:*

Report of the Committee on the Sale of J. Wanton's Estate.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island, &c. now convened at the City of Newport.

The Subscribers, who were appointed to sell at public Auction the Estate on the Point in this City, late Colonel Joseph Wanton's, and confiscated to this State, beg leave to Report, That pursuant to their Appointment, they have made Sale of the said Estate; and that the same was struck off to Benjamin Bourne, Esq; who was the highest Bidder, for Two Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds, One Quarter Part of which Sum has been received agreeable to the Conditions of Sale, and paid into the General-Treasury, as appears by Receipt, all which is humbly submitted by the General-Assembly's most obedient Servants,

ESEK HOPKINS,
CALEB GARDNER, } Committee.
DANIEL MASON.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be and hereby is accepted.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Delegates from this State now at Congress in Answer to that Part of their Letter to his Excellency the Governor, which relates to the Settlement of the Account of this State with the United States, be informed, that the said Account is ready for Settlement: That they be instructed to pursue such Measures as may tend to a speedy Adjustment of it: And that his Excellency the Governor be requested to communicate to the Delegates this Resolve.

Governor to write to the Delegates.

WHEREAS Route J. Helme and Henry Sherburne, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report. *to wit:*

T. Richardson an Invalid allowed £30. &c.

W_E

We the Subscribers have inspected Thomas Richardson, late a Soldier in Capt John Topham's Company in the Pay of this State, in the Continental Service, who received a Wound in his left Leg before the City of Quebec, on the Thirtieth Day of December, A. D. 1775, which Wound has greatly disabled him, and are of Opinion that he ought to receive Thirty Pounds, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, in full Compensation for his Sufferings, up to the First Day of January, A. D. 1786: And that after the said Time he be paid Two Dollars and One Half of a Dollar per Month out of the General-Treasury, in Quarterly Payments, during the Time he shall labour under his Disability, agreeably to the Recommendation of Congress respecting Invalids.

O&A. 3. 1786.

ROUSE J. HELME,
HENRY SHERBURNE, } Committee.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That the said Sum of Thirty Pounds be paid out of the General-Treasury, to the said Thomas Richardson, in full for his Sufferings, to the First Day of January, A. D. 1786: And that he be allowed Two Dollars and an half Monthly from that Time while he shall labour under the said Disability in like Manner as other Invalids.

Attorneys Members of the Assembly not to plead at the Bar of the Assembly.

It is Voted and Resolved, That no sworn Attorney, as such, while a Member of this Assembly, shall be admitted to Speak or Plead out of his Seat and at the Bar of this Assembly, on any private Petition, when on Trial before this Assembly.

Governor to write to the Board of Treasury respecting A. Whipple.

WHEREAS this Assembly advanced at the Request of Abraham Whipple, Esq; late a Captain in the Navy of the United States, One Hundred and Forty-Eight Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Sixpence Halfpenny, Lawful Silver Money, of this State, in order to defray an Expence which the said Abraham Whipple incurred, as was suggested, on public Account, and therefore charged to the United States: And whereas it is necessary that the Commissioners of the Board of Treasury of the United States be informed of the said advance, previous to the Settlement of said Abraham Whipple's Account, with the United States: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to send to the said Board of Treasury, as soon as may be, a Copy of the Resolution of this Assembly passed at the Session in January, A. D. 1782, ordering the said Sum to be paid.

W. Borden allowed £ 12 4s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Twelve Pounds Four Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. William Borden, in full for the Balance of an Account by him exhibited for superintending the Press while striking off the Money ordered to be emitted by this Assembly, in May last.

G. Jones's Petition referred.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of Gershom Jones, of Providence, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that Copper, Block-Tin and Lead, which he shall import into this State from either of the United States, for his own Use and Manufacture, as a Copper-Smith, and Pewterer, may be exempt from Imposit, be referred to the next Session of this Assembly: And that the Payment of Imposit on any of the raw Materials by him imported for his Use as aforesaid, be postponed till a Determination shall be had on the said Petition.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Joseph Dyre, Collector of Taxes for the City of Newport, it being the Amount of the last State Tax assessed on the Estate of the late Joseph Wanton.

J. Dyre allowed £3 18.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of Newport, preferred unto this Assembly, praying that the Incorporation Act of the said City may be repealed and the Charter annulled, be referred to the next Session of this Assembly : And that the Clerk of the said City be cited in the mean Time, that the said City may then answer the same, if they see cause.

Petition for taking away the Charter of the City of Newport referred.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the following Gentlemen be, and they are hereby appointed to settle the Accounts of the several Intendants of Trade and Collectors of Impost in this State, *to wit* : Christopher Ellery and George Sears, Esquires, for the County of Newport ; John Jenckes and John Mathewson, Esquires, for the County of Providence, Stephen Smith and Robert Carr, Esquires, for the County of Bristol, and Job Comstock and Joseph Fry, Esquires, for the County of Kent : That the said Gentlemen be distinct Committees for the several Counties for which they are named ; and that they Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Committees to settle the Accounts of Collectors of Impost and Intendants of Trade.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Two Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Samuel Allin, Esquire, one of the Committee for signing the Emission of May last, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for Paper and Ink, purchased for the Use of the said Committee.

S. Allin allowed £3 2.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Rowle J. Helme, John Topham and Daniel Mason, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Facts set forth in a Petition, preferred unto this Assembly, by Easter Brown, of the City of Newport, Widow, and to Report thereon.

Committee to enquire into E. Brown's Petition.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Edward Chinn, Esq; Commissioner of Accounts in this State, be and he is hereby requested to certify on the Back of Two Certificates, issued from his Office, to Matthew Manchester, for the Hire of Teams, for the Campaign of 1781, Dated June 9, A. D. 1784, One for Thirty-Four Dollars, and Forty-Five Ninetieths : The other for Two Dollars, and Sixty Ninetieths, that they were issued on Account of the Hire of the said Teams : That when so endorsed, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby empowered to issue his Certificates, in Exchange for the same, in the same Manner as has been directed on other Certificates of the same Nature : And that the said Certificates be receivable in Payment of the last Continental Tax, in like Manner as other Certificates.

E. Chinn to endorse 2 Certificates given to M. Manchester.

WHEREAS John Brown, John Jenckes, and William Rhodes, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* :

T. Tate allowed £1 12 6

We the Subscribers, who were appointed a Committee, to enquire into and examine the Subject Matter of the Petition of Thomas Tate, preferred at the last Session of this Assembly, beg leave to Report, That we have enquired

enquired into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and find them True, and are of Opinion, that the General-Treasurer be Ordered to pay to the said Thomas Tate, Nineteen Pounds Twelve Shillings, out of the Money due from the State, to Prince Jenckes, a disabled Soldier, and on the List of pensioned Invalids : Which is submitted by the General Assembly's obedient Servants,

JOHN BROWN,
JOHN JENCKES,
WILLIAM RHODES, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted : And that the said Sum of Nineteen Pounds Twelve Shillings, Lawful Money, be paid to the said Thomas Tate, out of the Money due to the said Prince Jenckes, in the same Manner as is paid to Invalids personally.

Draught of an Act to give Efficacy to Paper Money, to be sent to the several Towns, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Draught of an Act entitled "An Act to stimulate and give Efficacy to the Paper Bills, emitted by this State, in May last," be Copied by the Secretary, and a Copy thereof be sent by Express to each Town and City-Clerk in the State, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly : That the said Town and City-Clerks issue their Warrants, as soon as may be, to convene the Freeman of the said City and Towns, in legal City and Town-Meeting, in order that their sense respecting said Bills, may be communicated through their Representatives to the General Assembly, at the next Session : And that the same be also published in all the News Papers in this State.

J. Waite allowed £ 15.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Fifteen Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. John Waite, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for making Two Sets of Types, to strike of the Emission of May last.

J. Bliven allowed £ 4 11 6d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. James Bliven, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Time, Horse-Hire and Expence, in going Express to the Countie of Providence, Kent and Washington, by Order of this Assembly.

M. Allen allowed £ 0 12 21.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Twelve Shillings and Eleven-Pence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. Matthew Allin, it being the Amount of an Account by him charged against Captain George Webb, for furnishing a Dinner, &c. for him and Eight Prisoners, that he was conducting to Providence, by Order of Col. Ray Sands, in the Year 1777.

Collectors to receive Certificates for Bounty on Sheep for Taxes.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the several Collectors of Taxes receive Certificates issued for the Bounty on Sheep, agreeably to the Act of this Assembly, as well as Orders on the General Treasury, given by Order of this Assembly, in Payment of the last Twenty Thousand Pounds Tax, and that the same be received of the Collectors by the General-Treasurer.

Time lengthened for numbering Sheep.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Inhabitants of this State, who have

not

not numbered their Sheep, in Order to entitle themselves to the Bounty allowed by an Act of this Assembly. cause their Sheep to be numbered, agreeably to the said Act, at any Time on or before the First Monday of December next : That the Owners of such Sheep, before the same be Numbered, make Oath, that they were possessed of the same Sheep on the last Monday of June last, and that the same were not Numbered before the making such Oath : That the Certificates, which may be issued for the said Bounty, be receivable in payment of the present or any future State Taxes : And that those who have had their Sheep Numbered, and have neglected to take Certificates, receive the same which shall be receivable in like Manner in Payment of Taxes.

WHEREAS, from the Indisposition of two of the Justices of the Superior Court, this Assembly are prevented from hearing the Justices of the said Court in Respect to the Reasons and Grounds of their Judgment, in adjudging an Act of this Assembly unconstitutional, and therefore void : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Justices be cited to attend this Assembly at the next Session, on Thursday of the said Session, by the Sheriffs of the respective Counties, in Order to assign the Reasons and Grounds of their aforesaid Judgment : And that the Clerk of the said Court attend at the same Time, with the Records which relate to the said Judgment.

Justices Superior Court to appear next Session.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to Henry Sherburne, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as Deputy-Secretary.

H. Sherburne allowed £ 3 12.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Thirty Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to Mr. Thomas Tew, for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

T. Tew allowed £ 3 10.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Two Shillings, Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to Mr. Thomas Melvill, for cleaning the State-House, and for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

T. Melvill allowed £ 2.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to Mr. John Richards, a Deputy-Sheriff, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for notifying Three of the Justices of the Superior Court, to attend a Special Court, held in the City of Newport, on the 14th Day of September last, by Order of Paul Mumford, Esq; Chief Justice of the said Court.

J. Richards allowed £ 4.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Forty-Six Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury, to Mr. John Richards, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for mending Chairs, keeping the State-House clean, and for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

J. Richards allowed £ 4 6.

Adjournment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Acts and Orders passed at the present Session, be published in the City of Newport, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and that within thirty, Copies thereof be sent to the several Sheriffs, to be by them transmitted to each Town-Clerk, in their respective Counties : That this Assembly be, and hereby is Adjourned to the Friday preceding the last Monday of October instant, if then called, but if not called then, not before that Time, that this Assembly be dissolved : And that the next General Assembly convene at the State-House in Providence, on the last Monday of October instant.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA.*

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Law

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, and in the Eleventh Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, Esquire,
GOVERNOR.

The HONOURABLE

Daniel Owen, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN MATHEWSON, Esq;
JOSEPH STANTON, jun. Esq;
JOHN WILLIAMS, Esq;
RICHARD SEARLE, Esq;
JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;
GIDEON CLARKE, Esq;
THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;
OLIVER DURFEE, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Henry Marchant, *Esq*;
Mr. George Champlin,
 John Topham, *Esq*;
Mr. Daniel Mafon,
Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq*;
 John Brown, *Esq*;
 Charles Keene, *Esq*;
 Benjamin Bourne, *Esq*;

PORTSMOUTH :

Elijah Cobb, *Esq*;

WARWICK :

Othniel Gorton, *Esq*;
Mr. Gideon Arnold,
 Thomas Holden, *Esq*;
Mr. John Low.

WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;
Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Edward Hull.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

James Congdon, *Esq*;
Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Samuel Potter, *Esq*;
 John Gardner, *Esq*;

EAST-GREENWICH :

Joseph Fry, *Esq*;
 Job Comstock, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN :

Rowland Robinson, *Esq*;

SMITHFIELD :

John Sayles, *Esq*;
 Andrew Waterman, *Esq*;

SCITUATE :

Mr. Nathan Bates,
 Thomas Mowry, *Esq*;

GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Seth Hunt,
 Stephen Winfor, *Esq*;

CHARLESTOWN :

Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Joslin, *Esq*;
Mr. William Mathewson.

COVENTRY :

William Burlingame, *Esq*;
Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.

EXETER :

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
 Job Wilcox, *Esq*;

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Thomas Coggeshall.

BRISTOL :

Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Benjamin Howland,
Mr. Joseph Almy.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. George Simmons,
 Nathaniel Searle, *Esq*;

WARREN :

Cromel Child, *Esq*;
Mr. Smith Bowen.

CUMBERLAND :

John Lapham, *Esq*;
Mr. Stephen Whipple.

RICHMOND :

James Sheldon, *Esq*;
Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

Mr. Matthew Manchester,
Mr. George Waterman.

HOPKINTON :

Abel Tanner, *Esq*;
 Thomas Wells, *Esq*;

JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap, *Esq*;
 Andrew Harris, *Esq*;

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Mr. Edward Smith.

BARRINGTON :

Josiah Humphry, *Esq*;

FOSTER :

John Westcott, *Esq*;
Mr. Christopher Colwell.

The Honourable OTHNIEL GORTON, *Esq*; was chosen Speaker; and JOHN SINGER
 DEXTER, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *Christopher Ellery*, and *George Sears*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, and their Report thereon, to wit: Report upon
R. Crooke's
Account.

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Robert Crooke*, Collector of
Impost for the County of *Newport*, Dr.

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| 1786. To Amount of fundry Orders drawn by <i>Joseph Clarke</i> , Esq; in Favour of fundry Persons, as per Account rendered from Sheets No. 1 and 2, | } | £ 972 6 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| To Amount of <i>William Cyles's</i> Account for 8 Cwt. 1 Qr. of Iron Weights, at £ 17 10 per Ton, | | |
| To Amount of my Commissions on £ 1271 11 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, the Sum collected up to this Time, at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. | } | 44 10 1 |
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| £ 1024 1 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| 247 10 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ |
| £ 1271 11 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Oct. 28. Balance due to the State in my Hands,

Creditor.

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| 1786. } By Cash received of divers Persons for <i>March.</i> } Impost Duties in the Month of <i>March</i> , | } | £ 32 6 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| <i>April.</i> By Ditto, in the Month of <i>April</i> , | | |
| <i>May.</i> By Ditto, in the Month of <i>May</i> , | | 27 6 6 |
| <i>June.</i> By Ditto, in the Month of <i>June</i> , | | 40 4 4 |
| <i>July.</i> By Ditto, in the Month of <i>July</i> , | | 553 11 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| <i>August.</i> By Ditto, in the Month of <i>August</i> , | | 93 15 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| <i>Sept.</i> By Ditto, in the Month of <i>September</i> , | | 153 18 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| <i>Oct.</i> By Ditto, in the Month of <i>October</i> , | | 142 11 11 |
| | | 227 16 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | £ 1271 11 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Errors excepted,

ROBERT CROOKE, Collector of Impost.

Newport, Rhode-Island, Oct. 28, 1786.

THE above Account has been duly examined and compared with the Vouchers herewith exhibited, and we find a Balance of *Two Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings*, due from *Robert Crooke*, Esq; all which is submitted by your Honours obedient Servants,

CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, } Committee.
GEORGE SEARS,

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: And that the said Sum of *Two Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings*, Lawful Money,

Money, be paid by the said *Robert Crooke* into the General-Treasury.

J. Niles
allowed £ 7
ss. 11 d. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Eight Shillings and Elevenpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Jonathan Niles, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Kent, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Repairs done to the Gaol in the said County.*

C. Ellery
allowed £ 1
4 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Four Shillings; Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Christopher Ellery, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Services as one of the Committee for auditing the Accounts of the Collector of Impost and Intendant of Trade for the County of Newport.*

G. Sears
allowed £ 1
4 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Four Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to George Sears, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for his Services as one of the Committee for auditing the Accounts of the Intendant of Trade and Collector of Impost for the County of Newport.*

R. J. Helme
to complete
the Conti-
nental Ac-
counts. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Rowse J. Helme, Esq; be and he is hereby requested immediately to proceed to bring up all the Accounts between this State and the United States: And that he be allowed for his Services for the same as much Money as shall be equitable.*

Officers to
command the
Captain-Ge-
neral's Cava-
liers. *In Council was read the Return of the Officers to command the Company of the Captain-General's Cavaliers, in the County of Providence, and the following Gentlemen, who were elected by the said Company, were approved, to wit: Daniel Manton, Captain; William Waterman, First-Lieutenant; Ezekiel Searle, Second-Lieutenant; Edward Manton, Coronet; and Rufus Steer, Quarter-Master.*

Committee
to enquire
how the
State's Debts
originated. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Oliver Durfee, John Sayles, Jonathan J. Hazard, Josiah Humphrey, and Thomas Joslin, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the State of the Debts due from this State to all Persons whoever, and in what Manner and for what Considerations the same originated: And that they report the Facts, and the Remedies proper to be applied to the Evils that may be investigated, if any, to the next Session of this Assembly.*

Enquiry into
the Conduct
of the Super-
ior Court. *THE Judges of the Superior Court, &c. being cited to appear before the General Assembly, to assign the Reasons and Grounds of their Judgment in adjudging an Act of this Assembly unconstitutional, and therefore void: And the Clerk of the said Court for the County of Newport being also cited to appear at the same Time, and Three of the Judges of the said Court attending, to wit: Joseph Hazard, Thomas*

Thomas Tillinghast, and *David Howell*, Esquires, as also *Robert Rogers*, Esq; Clerk of the said Court, with the Records thereof, which Records being examined, the following Proceedings and Judgment of the said Court appear thereon, to wit :

“ Information, *John Trevett*, *qui tam*, vs *John Weeden*.

“ THIS Case being called, said Information was read in the Words following :

“ *Newport*, ff. To the Sheriff of said County of *Newport*, or his Deputy, Greeting.

“ BE it remembered, that *John Trevett*, of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, Cabinet-Maker, as well for the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, as for himself, doth prosecute, cometh before me *Paul Mumford*, Esq; Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, the 18th Day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord 1786, in his proper Person, and as well for the said Governor and Company, as for himself, giveth me and the said Superior Court to understand and be informed, That *John Weeden*, of *Newport*, in the County of *Newport*, and State aforesaid, Butcher, on the Thirteenth Day of *September*, in the Year aforesaid, at *Newport* aforesaid, in the County aforesaid, not regarding the Laws and Statutes of the said State, but the same intending to break and make void and annul, with Force and Arms, in open Market, did then and there presumptuously, daringly and contemptuously, refuse to take and receive of the aforesaid *Trevett* the Bills of Credit of the Paper Emission of the *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, ordered to be emitted by an Act of the General Assembly of the State aforesaid, at their Session in *May*, 1786, then and there offered by the said *John Trevett*, to the said *John Weeden*, in Pay for Meat the said *John Weeden* then and there having and exposing to Sale in open Market, against the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided.

“ WHEREUPON the aforesaid *John Trevett*, as well for the Governor and Company, as for himself, prayeth the Advice of the said Superior Court, to be especially convened at *Newport*, in the Premises, and that the aforesaid *John Weeden* may forfeit the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*, Lawful Money, according to the Form of the Statute in that Case made and provided; and that he the said *John Trevett* may have One Moiety thereof, according to the Statute aforesaid; and also that the aforesaid *John Weeden* may come before the Superior Court to be especially convened at *Newport*, in Three Days from the Date hereof, to answer concerning the Premises: And hereupon it is commanded to the said *John Weeden*, that all other Things omitted, and all Excuses laid aside, he be in his proper Person at the Superior Court, for the County aforesaid, to be especially convened on the 21st Day of this Instant, *September*, at *Newport* aforesaid, to answer, as well to the said Governor and Company, as to the said *John Trevett*, who as well for the said Governor and Company, as for himself, doth prosecute, of and concerning the Premises, and further to do what the Court shall consider

thereon in his Behalf. Hereof you are not to fail, and have you there this, with your Doing thereon.

Given under my Hand and Seal, at *Newport*, this 18th Day of *September*, 1786.

PAUL MUMFORD, C. Justice Superior Court.

“WHEREUPON the said *John Weeden* comes into Court, and prays that the Honourable Court here will not take Cognizance of the Complaint of the said *John Trevett*. Because he saith, that it appears by the Act of the General Assembly, whereon said Information is founded, that the said Act hath expired, and hath no Force. Also for that by said Act the Matters of Complaint are triable by Special Courts, uncontrollable by the Supreme Judiciary Court of the State: And also, for that the Court is not authorized or empowered by said Act to impanel a Jury to try the Facts charged in the Information, and so the same is unconstitutional and void. All which the said *John Weeden* is ready to verify. Wherefore he prays Judgment if the Court will take further Cognizance of said Information.

“WHEREUPON all and singular the Premises being seen, and by the Justices of the Court aforesaid fully understood: It is considered, adjudged and declared, that the said Complaint does not come under the Cognizance of the Justices here present, and that the same be and it is hereby dismissed.”

AND the said Three Judges being fully heard before this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That no satisfactory Reasons have been rendered by them for their Judgment on the foregoing Information, *John Trevett, qui tam, versus John Weeden*: And that as the Judges of the said Superior Court, &c. are not charged with Criminality in giving Judgment upon the Information, *John Trevett* against *John Weeden*, they are therefore discharged from any further Attendance upon this Assembly on that Account.

Ordinance of Congress regulating Coin, &c. to be published. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That an Ordinance of Congress of the 16th of *October* inst. for the Establishment of the Mint of the United States of *America*, and for regulating the Value and Alloy of Coin, be published by the Secretary in all the News-Papers in this State.

Committee to enquire into *J. Andrews's* Accounts. WHEREAS *John Andrews*, Esq; of *Cranston*, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, praying that one or more Persons may be appointed to adjust and settle all unsettled Accounts between him and this State: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That *Henry Marshant*, *George Champ-lin*, and *Thomas Rumreill*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire if the Accounts between this State and the said *John Andrews* have been already settled: That they report thereon as soon as may be; and that the said Petition be referred until the said Report be made.

Further Time given *Gloucester* to collect the last Tax. WHEREAS *Silas Williams*, Esq; Town-Treasurer of the Town of *Gloucester*, and Mr. *John Wells*, Collector of the last State Tax in the said Town,

Town, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that by some Casualty the Rate-Bill for the said Town hath not come to Hand: That the Time for collecting and paying the said Tax has almost expired, whereby they may be put to unjust Cost and Expence, unless relieved: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly, that as there has been no Lach on their Part, they may have a further Time given them for the collecting and paying the said Tax:

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Forty-five Days, next from and after the Rising of this Assembly, be allowed the said Collector to pay into the General-Treasury the said Town of Gloucester's Proportion of the said last State Tax: And that the General-Treasurer immediately after the Expiration of the said Time issue his Execution for whatever Deficiency there may be.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Resolution of Congress of the 15th of August last, with an annexed List of the Names of Negroes belonging to this State, who were carried away by the British Troops when they evacuated the City of New-York, be published by the Secretary in the News-Papers of this State: To the End, that the respective Claimants may be prepared to adduce Proofs of their Claims; and they are hereby empowered so to do, to this Assembly, as soon as may be. Negroes to be published.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Towns of Jamestown, New-Shoreham, and South-Kingstown, be severally allowed Forty-five Days, and that all the other Towns, and the City of Newport, be allowed Twenty Days, from and after the Rising of this Assembly, to pay into the General-Treasury their several Proportions of the last State Tax: That the General-Treasurer issue his Executions against the City-Treasurer and Town-Treasurers of such City and Towns as may be delinquent, immediately after the Expiration of the Time herein given them, for whatever Deficiency there may be; and that the General-Treasurer issue his Executions against the several Treasurers of the City and respective Towns which shall be delinquent in the Payment of any other Tax, at the Expiration of Thirty Days from the Rising of this Assembly. Last Tax of £ 20,000 postponed, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Troops required from this State, by a Resolution of Congress of the Twentieth Day of October, 1786, be immediately raised and officered, agreeably to the said Requisition; and that an Act therefor be immediately drafted. 120 Men ordered to be raised.

WHEREAS, by Reason of the present Session of Assembly, it has become inconvenient for the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. to be held in the County of Washington the ensuing Week, agreeable to the former Adjournment of said Court: Superior Court, Washington, adjourned.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Court be further adjourned to the First Monday of December next, and then convene in the

the County of *Washington*, whereof the Jurors and all others concerned therein are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

Ordered, That this Resolution be published in the next *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers.

Petitions
continued,
&c.

WHEREAS a Number of Petitions have heretofore been received by this Assembly, and the Parties who preferred the same neglected to give Bonds and take out Citations for the adverse Parties, agreeable to Law : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Parties who preferred Petitions to this Assembly, which have been received, and who neglected to give Bonds and take out Citations agreeably to Law, have Liberty so to do in the same Manner as though they had been preferred at this Session, the same Petitions being now received and referred to the next Session for the adverse Parties to be cited.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That all Petitions lodged in the Secretary's Office which have not been heard, and were to have been heard at this Session, praying the Stay of Execution, be referred until the next Session of this Assembly, and in the mean Time that the Executions therein mentioned be stayed ; and that all Persons who have petitioned unto this Assembly, who were restrained of their Liberty, and in Consequence of their Petitions have been liberated, be still at Liberty until their respective Petitions be heard.

Act for raising
120 Men.

WHEREAS by an Ordinance of the United States in Congress assembled, done at the City of *New-York*, upon the Twentieth Day of *October*, A. D. 1786, this State was required to raise the Number of One Hundred and Twenty Men, non-commissioned Officers and Privates, for the Service of the United States, against the Wars and Depredations of their Enemies, that have commenced, or may be commenced, to be officered by One Major, Two Captains, Two Lieutenants, Two Ensigns, and One Surgeon's Mate, and to serve for the Space of Three Years, unless sooner discharged :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, That One Hundred and Twenty Men, non-commissioned Officers and Privates, be immediately raised in this State for the Service aforesaid : That *William Allen* be Major ; *John Holden*, and *Thomas Hughes*, Captains ; *Henry Shearman, jun.* and *William Pratt*, Lieutenants ; *John Rogers*, and *William Tanner*, 3d, Ensigns ; and *Jeremiah Greene*, the Surgeon's Mate of the said Corps : That they receive the Pay, Cloathing, Subsistence, Forage, and other Allowances provided by Congress : That they be rendezvoued at such Place or Places, and marched to such Place or Places within the United States, as the United States in Congress assembled, or their Secretary at War, shall direct, or such Officer as shall be Commander in Chief of the Troops : That the following be the Form of the Inlistment :

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I A. B. do voluntarily enlist myself into the Service of the United States, as a Soldier, for the Space of Three Years from the Date hereof, unless sooner discharged, and do engage to submit myself to the Rules and Regulations of the Army already established, or that may be established, by Congress; and that I will faithfully obey the Orders I shall receive from my Superiors.

Dated at —, the — Day of —, A. D. 178—.

THAT in all Cases, the commanding Officer, and all others of the Corps, conform to the Regulations of the Army, and such Orders as they shall receive from their Superiors: That in case of Non-acceptance of any Officer, appointed as aforesaid, his Excellency the Governor, by and with the Advice of such of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly as he can conveniently consult, appoint to such Vacancy; and that his Excellency be requested to transmit a Copy of this Act to the Secretary at War, as soon as may be.

WHEREAS, by various Casualties, the Justices of the Superior Court have not convened at either of the Counties of Kent and Bristol, the last Term:

Superior Court, Bristol and Kent, revived.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Justices convene at East-Greenwich, in the County of Kent, upon the last Monday of November, A. D. 1786, and at Bristol, in the County of Bristol, upon the Second Monday of December next, for dispatching the Business of the said Counties: That all Appeals and other Business from the last Courts of Common Pleas in those Counties, which were to have been heard and determined by them, be carried up to the said Superior Court at the Times aforesaid; and that Executions be returned in like Manner.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the City of Newport, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this State, by them to be transmitted to the several Town-Clerks in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the Fourth Monday in December next, then to meet at the State-House in East-Greenwich.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:
WITNESS,

Henry Ward

December, 1786.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Fourth *Monday* in *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, and in the Eleventh Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

H I S E X C E L L E N C Y

JOHN COLLINS, ESQUIRE,

G O V E R N O R.

The H O N O R A B L E

DANIEL OWEN, ESQUIRE,

D E U T Y - G O V E R N O R.

JOHN MATHEWSON, Esq.

JOSEPH STANTON, jun, Esq.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Esq.

RICHARD SEARLE, Esq.

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq.

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq.

JOHN COOKE, Esq.

OLIVER DURFEE, Esq.

} Assistants.

T H E S E C R E T A R Y.

D E U T I E S

December, 1786.

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable OTHNIEL GORTON, *Esq.* Speaker.

NEWPORT.

Henry Marchant, *Esq.*
George Champlin, *Esq.*
John Topham, *Esq.*
Mr. Daniel Mafon,
Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE.

John Jenckes, *Esq.*
John Brown, *Esq.*
Benjamin Bourne, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH. None.

WARWICK.

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Gideon Arnold,
Thomas Holden, *Esq.*
Mr. John Low.

WESTERLY.

Joseph Noyes, *Esq.*

NEW-SHOREHAM. None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN.

James Congdon, *Esq.*
Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq.*
John Gardner, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH.

Joseph Fry, *Esq.*
Job Comstock, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN.

Rowland Robinson, *Esq.*

SMITHFIELD.

John Sayles, *Esq.*
Andrew Waterman, *Esq.*

SCITUATE.

Mr. Nathan Bates,
Thomas Mowry, *Esq.*

GLOUCESTER.

Stephen Winsor, *Esq.*

CHARLESTOWN.

Mr. Thomas Hoxsie,
Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH.

Thomas Jollyn, *Esq.*
Mr. William Mathewson,
COVENTRY.

William Burlingame, *Esq.*
Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.

EXETER.

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN.

Mr. Thomas Coggeshall.

BRISTOL. None.

TIVERTON. None.

LITTLE-COMPTON.

Mr. George Simmons;
Nathaniel Searle, *Esq.*

WARREN.

Cromel Child, *Esq.*
Mr. Smith Bowen.

CUMBERLAND.

John Lapham, *Esq.*
Mr. Stephen Whipple.

RICHMOND.

James Sheldon, *Esq.*
Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON.

Mr. George Waterman.
HOPKINTON.

Abel Tanner, *Esq.*
Thomas Wells, *Esq.*

JOHNSTON.

Abraham Belknap, *Esq.*
Andrew Harris, *Esq.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE.

Mr. Edward Smith.
BARRINGTON.

Mr. Vial Allen.

FOSTER.

Mr. John Westcot,
Mr. Christopher Caldwell.

JOHN S. DEXTER, *Esq.* Clerk of the Lower-House.

AT a Meeting of his Excellency the Governor and such Members of the General Assembly as could be conveniently called, at *Newport*, on the 25th Day of *November*, A. D. 1786, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly, passed at the last Session, for filling up such Vacancies as might happen in the Corps ordered to be raised by this State, agreeably to a Resolve of Congress of the 20th Day of *October* last.

Officers appointed.

David Sayles was appointed a Captain, in the Room of *Thomas Hughes*, who declined.

Benjamin Sherburne, a Lieutenant, in the Room of *William Pratt*, who declined.

George Tillinghast, an Ensign, in the Room of *John Rogers*, who declined.

William Tanner, the 3d. an Ensign, having resigned, no Person was appointed in his Stead.



WHEREAS *Gershom Jones*, of *Providence*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he carries on the Business of a Copper-Smith and Pewterer, in *Providence*, aforesaid; and that there not being a Sufficiency of Materials for that Purpose to be procured within this State, he has been obliged to purchase a considerable Quantity of Copper, Block-Tin and Lead in the adjacent States, and to give Bond for the Payment of the Impost thereon in this State, although an Impost has been paid on the same in the State where he purchased them: And thereupon the said *Gershom Jones* prayed this Assembly for Relief:

Petition of Jones.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Gershom Jones* be discharged from his Bonds given for the Payment of the Impost on the Copper, Block-Tin and Lead by him so imported.

And it is further Voted and Resolved, That all Tin Plates, Copper, Block-Tin and Lead, unmanufactured, which shall in future be imported into this State, by Land or Water, from any of the United States, by any Tinplate-Worker, Copperer, Brazier or Pewterer, for their own Use and Manufacture, in their several Occupations, be exempted from all Duties or Impost, on their producing to the Collector of Impost in the County in which the same shall be imported, a Certificate from the proper Officer, that the Duties have been paid on the same in the State from whence the said Articles shall be imported.

Tin Plates, Copper, Block-Tin and Lead exempted from the Impost in Case.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq. be and he is hereby appointed Auditor of Accounts for this State for the Remainder

Auditor appointed.

mainder of the present Year : And that he immediately proceed and bring up the said Accounts from *May* last.

A. Whipple to pay a Treasurer's Note into the Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Abraham Whipple*, Esq. pay into the General-Treasury, a Public Certificate to the Amount of *One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence*, Lawful Money, bearing Interest from the Year 1780 : And that the same be in Discharge of an Advance made to *Christopher Ellery*, Esq. upon a protested Bill of Exchange drawn by the said *Abraham Whipple*, while Senior Officer of the Squadron, captured in *Charleston, South-Carolina*.

Petition, *B. Tillinghast*.

WHEREAS *Benjamin Tillinghast*, of *East-Greenwich*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he was possessed of Three Treasurer's Notes, one of *Twenty-six Pounds Ten Shillings and Eleven Pence*, dated *March 13th, 1783*, N^o 234, One of *Fifteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six Pence*, dated *November 18th, 1782*, N^o 22, both of which Notes had Three Years Interest endorsed thereon, and and of One other Note of *Eight Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Nine Pence Half-Penny*, dated *August 17th, 1785*, N^o 1116, with no Endorsement thereon, and also of an Order drawn on *Robert Croke*, Esq. Collector of Impost for the last Year's Interest, endorsed on the Two first mentioned Notes ; and that on the Seventh Day of *July* last, he lost the same : And thereupon the said *Benjamin Tillinghast* prayed this Assembly to direct the General-Treasurer to issue other Notes of the same Tenor and Date with the same Endorsement as those lost, and an Impost Order of the same Amount as the One lost.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That upon the said *Benjamin Tillinghast's* giving Bond to the General-Treasurer to indemnify this State against the said Notes and Impost Order lost, and advertising the Loss of them, particularising the same, in all the News-papers in this State for Three Weeks, at his own Expense, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue Three other Notes of the same Tenor and Date, and with the same Endorsements of Interest thereon, with those mentioned in the said Petition, and an Order on One of the Collectors of Impost for One Year's Interest on the said Two first mentioned Notes.

Justices Superior Court to enquire about counterfeit Money.

WHEREAS it appears to this Assembly that some Bills of the late Bank of the Paper-Currency emitted by this State in *May* last, have been counterfeited, and are now uttered and circulating in some Parts of this State.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature be required respectively to make strict Inquiry concerning the same : That they endeavor to detect the Offender or Offenders : That they call for such Assistance as they shall deem necessary : That the Attorney-General exert himself to bring to condign Punishment, the Offender or Offenders aforesaid : And that the said Justices respectively be furnished with a Copy of this Vote.

It is Voted and Resolved, That wherever there is Money in the Hands of the Trustees of any Town or City, which has been applied for agreeably to the Act passed in *June* last, and which has not been yet taken out and Security given therefor according to Law, the said Trustees, in such Case, immediately notify the said Claimants to receive the same without Loss of Time : That if such Claimant shall not apply, receive the same, and give proper Security therefor, within Three Weeks after the Rising of this Assembly, his Right thereto shall be forfeited : That all Money which shall remain in the Hands of any of the said Trustees, after the Expiration of the said Three Weeks, unloaned, be paid by such Trustees to the General-Treasurer on or before the Twentieth Day of *February* next, taking his Receipt therefor ; which Sums so paid in, shall cancel so much of the Bonds of such Trustees, and such Money shall remain in the General-Treasury, subject to the future Order of this Assembly : And that the said Trustees deliver to the Keeper of the Grand-Committee's Office, and to the General-Treasurer, on or before the said Twentieth Day of *February* next, the Mortgage Deeds and Bonds by them taken for the Money which shall have been by them loaned.

Act respecting
unloaned Mo-
ney, &c.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Wells*, Collector of Taxes for the Town of *Gloucester*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that by Reason of Sickness and the late severe Snow Storms, he has been unable to collect the said Town's Proportion of the last State Tax : And thereupon prayed this Assembly that a further Time may be granted him to collect the said Tax :

Time allowed
Gloucester to
collect last Tax

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That Fifteen Days from and after the Rising of this Assembly be allowed to the said *John Wells* to pay into the General-Treasury the said Town's Proportion of the said Tax : And that the General-Treasurer, at the Expiration of the said Fifteen Days, issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of the said Town for whatever Deficiency there may then be.

IN Council was read the Return of the Officers to command the Company of *Pawtuxet* Rangers, in the Counties of *Providence* and *Kent*, and the following Gentlemen who were elected by the said Company are approved, to wit : *Benjamin Arnold*, Captain ; *Israel Arnold*, First-Lieutenant ; *Caleb Corpe*, Second-Lieutenant ; and *Oliver Paine*, Ensign.

Officers of
Pawtuxet
Rangers.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *James M. Varnum* and *Peleg Arnold*, Esquires, Two of the Delegates chosen to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, be requested to repair with all convenient Speed to the City of *New-York*, and there represent this State in Congress : And that they be and hereby are empowered to draw *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money each, out of the General-Treasury, for which they are to be respectively accountable,

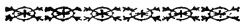
Delegates re-
quested to take
their Seats in
Congress.

An ACT in Addition to an Act for emitting the Sum of *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, in Bills of Credit, passed at *May Session* last.

Act in Addition to Act emitting £.100,000

WHEREAS in and by the said Act it is provided, "That if any Creditor or Creditors, their lawful Agent, or Attorney, shall refuse to receive any of the aforesaid Bills in Discharge of any Debt or Demand, that then and in that Case it shall and may be lawful for the said Debtor to make Application to a Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. or to any Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas of the County wherein said Debtor lives or is resident; and the said Justice, upon such Application, shall grant Citation, &c." Which provision has been found ineffectual, as the Judges in some of the Counties where Debtors live or are resident, refuse or neglect to receive the Money tendered for the Payment of Debts, and to proceed agreeably to the said Act, whereby great Inconvenience arises and Justice is not equally distributed among the Citizens at large: To remedy which, and for the more fully distributing equal Justice to all the Citizens of this State,

Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for any and every Debtor, being a Citizen of this State and commorant therein, who hath or shall or may tender unto any Creditor any Money or Paper Bills emitted in Consequence of the aforesaid Act and agreeably thereto, and the Creditor hath refused or shall refuse to receive the same in Discharge of such Debt or Demand, to lodge the Money so tendered with either of the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General-Gaol-Delivery within this State, or with any of the Justices of either of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas within this State, whether residing in the County where the Debtor lives, or out of the same. And such Justice is required to receive the same and notify the Creditor agreeably to the said Act; which shall be good and valid to all Intents, Purposes and Constructions whatever, as though the same Money had been lodged in the Hands of a Justice of One of the Courts in the County where such Debtor lived: Any Thing in the aforesaid Act notwithstanding.



Petitions further referred.

WHEREAS the late severe Weather and the great Quantity of Snow which fell during the said Time, rendered travelling so difficult, that it has been impossible to serve the adverse Parties with Copies of the Petitions, which have been received and referred by this Assembly, and of those lodged in the Secretary's Office:

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That all Petitions which have been received by this Assembly and were referred, where the adverse Party hath not been cited, be referred to the next Session of this Assembly; and that the Secretary issue Citations for the adverse Parties to appear then to answer the same; provided the Petitioner hath given or shall give Bond agreeably to Law.

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An ACT for the better keeping the public Roads and Highways within this State passable in the Winter Season.

WHEREAS it often happens, that the Roads and Highways within this State are obstructed and rendered impassable by the great Quantities of Snow which fall and are drifted therein : Act for rendering Roads passable in Winter

Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That it shall be the Duty of every Surveyor of Highways within this State, to cause the Roads and Highways within his District to be kept open and passable with Sleds and Sleighs in the Winter Season : That for this Purpose whenever any Highway or Road shall be obstructed with Snow as aforesaid, the Surveyor thereof be and is hereby empowered to notify all the Inhabitants that live within his District immediately to repair to such obstructed Road or Highway with One or more Hands and with such Horses and Oxen as they can furnish. And the Inhabitants so notified shall be obliged to repair to such Road or Highway and cause the same to be made passable as aforesaid, under the Direction of the said Surveyor, in the same Manner and under the same Penalties as by Law they are obliged at any other Season of the Year ; which shall be collected in the same Way and for the same Uses.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Surveyor as aforesaid, shall refuse or neglect to do his Duty by this Act prescribed, he shall and may be complained of and prosecuted in the same Manner as Surveyors are now liable to be prosecuted for Neglect of Duty, by an Act of this Assembly passed at the Session in October, A. D. 1771.



Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That from and after the Rising of this Assembly, all Actions which shall be brought to any Court in this State, on any promissory Note of Hand, whether the same was made negotiable or not, shall be brought in the Name of the original Promisee ; otherwise the said Action shall abate : Any Law, Custom, or Usage to the Contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

Notes to be sued in the Name of the original Promisee.

WHEREAS *Roufe J. Helme* and *Jeremiah Olney*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following List of Invalids and their Report thereon, to wit :

List

List of Invalids resident in the State of *Rhode-Island*, who have been disabled in the Service of the United States of *America*, during the late War, and are in Consequence thereof entitled to receive a Monthly Pension during Life, as affixed to their Names respectively, as a Compensation proportionate to their respective Disabilities and Sufferings while in the Service of the United States, agreeably to an Ordinance of Congress passed in Favour of Invalids on Seventh of *June*, 1785, to wit :

| Names | When Infected | Rank | Pay per Month in Dollars | Age | Regiment, Corps or Ship in which they served | Disability, and the Reasons that occasioned it. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-----|--|--|
| <i>Benoni Simmons</i> | 1786 <i>March</i> 18 | Gunner | 5 | 31 | The Galley <i>Trumbull</i> , commanded by Capt. <i>Seib Warner</i> . | Loss of the Left Arm on <i>Lake Champlain</i> , 11th <i>October</i> , 1776, as per Certificate from <i>John Lucas</i> , Esq. Commissioner of Pensions for the State of <i>Massachusetts</i> . |
| <i>Simon Johnson</i> | 18 | Private | 4½ | 51 | Corps of Invalids, commanded by Col. <i>Nichols</i> . | Loss of Health by Reason of a contumacious Habit contracted in Service, old Age and bodily Infirmities, which render him incapable of obtaining a Livelihood by Labour, per Certificate from <i>John Lucas</i> , Esq. |
| <i>Ezra Chase</i> | 23 | ditto | 5 | 27 | State Regiment, commanded by Col. <i>R. Elliot</i> . | Loss of all the Fingers from both Hands, occasioned by an accidental Discharge of a Field Piece, when manning Home the Cartridges, on a Field-Day, while stationed at <i>Fort Mifflin</i> , 7th Day of <i>November</i> , 1777. |
| <i>John Mowry</i> | <i>April</i> 20 | ditto | 2½ | 23 | Col. <i>Henry Sherburne's</i> Regiment. | Wounded in the left Side and right Arm in a Skirmish with the <i>British</i> Troops, that fortified the Fort at <i>Farmington</i> , in <i>June-July</i> , on the 15th of <i>April</i> , 1780 & which Wounds render him unable to obtain a Livelihood by Labour, per Certificate from Col. <i>Henry Sherburne</i> . |
| <i>John Hany</i> | <i>June</i> 17 | ditto | 2½ | 59 | <i>Rhode-Island</i> Regiment, commanded by Col. <i>Jeremiah Olney</i> . | Wounded in the Ankle and Groin, in <i>May</i> 1780, and <i>July</i> 1781, and both Heels frost-bitten in the <i>Orange</i> Expedition, commanded by Col. <i>Mifflin</i> , in <i>February</i> 1783, old Age and bodily Infirmities, which render him incapable of obtaining a Livelihood. |
| <i>Samuel Black</i> | <i>June</i> 26 | Ensign | 5 | 48 | <i>Rhode-Island</i> Regiment, commanded by the late Col. <i>Daniel Hitchcock</i> . | A bad Rupture in the Groin, contracted while in Service of the United States in the Campaign of 1775, which is very troublesome and renders it difficult for him to obtain a Livelihood by Hard Labour, as per Certificate from Doctor <i>Henry Stirling</i> . |

To

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of Rhode-Island,
&c.

We the Underwritten, being heretofore appointed a Committee to examine into the Claims of all Persons who were entitled to the Benefits of an Ordinance of Congress, passed in June, A. D. 1785, relative to Invalids, and their respective Disabilities, have examined the within named Persons, and given them Certificates agreeably to the within List. None of the Persons within named are entitled to any back Allowances, except *John Mowry*, who has due to him (with compound Interest thereon up to the Twentieth Day of April, A. D. 1786) the Sum of *Fifty-four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Three Pence*; and *John Hany*, upon the same Principles, *Twenty-four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Four Pence*, up to the Seventeenth of June, A. D. 1786. Which is submitted by, Gentlemen, your most obedient Servants,

R. J. Helme,
Jeremiah Olney, } Committee.

Providence, November 4, 1786.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That the said Sum of *Fifty-four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Three Pence*, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *John Mowry*, and the said Sum of *Twenty-four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Four Pence* to the said *John Hany*, out of the General-Treasury for the Balances above reported: And that the aforesaid Invalids be severally paid out of the General-Treasury the Sums which shall become due to them respectively, on the Monthly Allowances within reported, at the End of every Quarter, from the Time of their aforesaid Inspection during their several Lives; they applying personally therefor to the General-Treasurer.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed immediately to deliver to the Continental Loan-Officer in this State, the Facilities, Teaming and Invalid Certificates, which have been paid into the General-Treasury by the different Collectors, together with those belonging to the State: That he be further directed to purchase with the Paper Bills of this State paid into the General-Treasury for Taxes, such a Sum in the said Facilities, Teaming and Invalid Certificates, as with those already in his Hands shall be equal to the Continental Tax ordered in August, A. D. 1785: That he deliver them also to the said Loan-Officer as soon as he shall have procured the same; And that he pay no more in the said Paper Bills for the said Certificates than Dollar for Dollar.

WHEREAS from the late inclement Season, the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General-Gaol-Delivery, could not attend to hold their Term ordered by this Assembly, to be holden in the County of *Washington*, on the First Monday of December Instant: And whereas there is Business of great Consequence pending in the said County before the said Court:

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It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Justices of the said Court be, and they are hereby empowered and directed to hold their Term at the State-House in *South-Kingstown*, within and for the County aforesaid, on the last *Monday of January* instant : That all Executions which ought to have been returned at the stated Term of the said Court be then returned : That the Jurors drawn for last *October* Term then attend : That all Business pending before the said Court be then and there heard and tried, in the same Manner as though the said Court had been held at the usual and appointed Time : That the Clerk of the said Court for the said County notify all Persons who have Business pending before the said Court, of the Time when said Court will convene, by setting up One or more Notifications for that Purpose in some public Place or Places : And that the Secretary publish this Resolve in the *Newport Mercury* and *Providence Gazette*.



An ACT laying Duties of Excise on certain Articles therein described.

Excise Act,

WHEREAS it is highly essential, and an Object of the first Attention, that Public Faith and Credit should be supported, and to that End that effectual Provision be made for the Payment of the Public Debts, by establishing permanent Funds for that Purpose : And in Order that the Creditors of this State may have the fullest Confidence in the Securities they hold upon the Treasury of this State :

Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That from and after the Fifteenth Day of *May* next, there shall be paid, on the Articles herein after enumerated, the Duty or Excise to them respectively herein affixed, to wit :

For every Gallon of *Madeira* Wine, *One Shilling and Four Pence*.
 For every Gallon of other Wine, *One Shilling*.
 For every Gallon of foreign Rum, *One Shilling*.
 For every Gallon of foreign distilled Spirits, *One Shilling*.
 For every Gallon of *New-England* Rum, *Six Pence*.
 For every Gallon of *New-England* distilled Spirits, *Three Pence*.
 For every Pound of India Tea, excepting Bohea Tea, *One Shilling*.
 For every Pound of Cocoa, *One Penny*.
 For every Pound of imported Chocolate, *Four Pence*.
 For every Pound of Loaf-Sugar, *One Penny*.
 For every Box of Lemons containing Four Hundred, *Four Shillings*, and so in Proportion for a greater or less Quantity. Excepting that an Allowance of *Ten per Centum*, upon all the aforesaid excised Liquors, shall be made for common and ordinary Wastage.

And it is further Enacted, That from and after the said Fifteenth Day of *May* next, every Person that shall import into this State, by
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Land or Water, any of the excised Articles herein before enumerated, or to whom any such Articles may be consigned, shall be and hereby is prohibited from selling the same, or any Part thereof, without having a Permit so to do from the Collector of Excise, or his Deputy; and every Person possessing or owning any of them, and every Person distilling or manufacturing any of the said excised Articles, shall be and they hereby are prohibited from selling the same, or any Part thereof from and after the said Fifteenth Day of May next, without a Permit so to do from the Collector of Excise, or his Deputy, on forfeiture of a Sum not less than *Twenty* nor more than *Forty Pounds*, and the Value of the Articles so sold; saving that those Persons who are licenced agreeable to Law may sell spiritous Liquors, any Thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding: That the Collector and his Deputy shall be and they are hereby empowered and required, to grant to every Person applying for the same, and offering Security therefor, a Permit in Writing for selling all or any of the excised Articles herein before enumerated (except Wine, Rum and other Spirits, distilled in less Quantity than Ten Gallons) for a Term not exceeding Twelve Months from the Date hereof, on Penalty of *Twenty Pounds*, to and for the Use of the Person making Application: That the Permit for Liquors shall be in the Form following, to wit:

You A. B. of C. in the County of D. are hereby permitted to sell Wine, Rum, and other distilled Spirits, or any of the said Liquors, within the County of D. until the — Day of —, A. D. 178—, in a Quantity not less than Ten Gallons, to be delivered at one Time, pursuant to an Act of the State of Rhode-Island, &c. Dated at —, this — Day of — A. D. 178—.

*Collector of Excise for the County
of —.*

THAT a Permit of the like Form, *mutatis mutandis*, shall be granted for the other excised Articles aforesaid: That for each of the said Permits the Collector, or his Deputy, shall be entitled to *Six Pence*, and no more, and the like Sum for a Certificate given by him: That every Person applying to the said Collector, or his Deputy, for a Permit, shall give Bond to the said Collector, with One or more Sureties living within this State, in a Sum not exceeding *One Thousand Pounds*, and not less than *Fifty Pounds*, that he will render an Account on Oath of the Kind and full Quantity of all excised Articles, that shall be by him or any Person in his Behalf sold, or any Way disposed of or delivered; and that he will pay the Excise by Law arising thereon (except as herein after is excepted) at the End of every Six Months, to the Collector, or his Deputy, during the Continuance of his Permit. And if such Person shall neglect or refuse to give such Bond, the Collector, or his Deputy, shall not be obliged to grant him a Permit: any Thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person hereafter licenced to be a Taverner, Innholder, or Retailer of
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any Wine, Rum or Spirits distilled, shall, on such Licence being granted, give Bond to the said Collector, or his Deputy, with One or more Sureties, in Manner as aforesaid, conditioned that they shall keep and render such Accounts, and pay such Duties, as are by this Law required : That no Taverner, Innholder or Retailer, shall hereafter be licenced, until he or she shall have rendered an Account upon Oath, and paid the Duties to the Collector, or his Deputy, agreeable to this Act, upon all the excised Articles by him or her sold, or any Way disposed of, and shall produce the Collector's Certificate thereof, who is hereby required to give such Certificate, upon the Payment of the Duties, without demanding any Fee therefor. And if any Person now licenced as a Taverner, Innholder or Retailer, shall not apply for or shall not obtain his or her Licence, at the next usual Time of granting Licence in the Town in which he resides, and shall neglect or refuse to render an Account as aforementioned, and pay the Duties to the Collector, or his Deputy, as aforesaid, he or she thus refusing or neglecting, shall forfeit and pay a Sum not less than *Fifty Pounds*, nor more than *Two Hundred Pounds*, to be sued for and recovered by the Collector, in any Court proper to try the same, for the Use of this State.

Be it further Enacted, That every Retailer of Rum, Wine, and other distilled Spirits, Taverner and Innholder, shall, on the said Fifteenth Day of *May*, take a just Account in Writing of all the Rum, Wine, and other Spirits distilled, then by him or her, in his or her possession : That every Person who shall, after the said Fifteenth Day of *May*, be licenced to be an Innholder or Retailer, or be permitted to sell any of the excised Articles herein before enumerated, shall take a like Account of all Wine, Rum, and other Spirits distilled, and of all other excised Articles herein before enumerated, by him or her, or in his or her Possession, at the Time of such Licence or Permit being granted ; and shall make a fair Entry, in a Book to be by him or her kept for that Purpose, of all excised Articles herein before enumerated, which he or she, or any Person or Persons for him or her, shall buy, distill, manufacture, import, take in or receive, after such first Account taken, and when and of whom the same was bought, imported, and taken in ; and shall, at the Times herein after provided, render to the Collector aforesaid, or to his Deputy, an Account, on Oath or Affirmation, of all the excised Articles herein before enumerated, which were his or her Property, or in his or her Possession, on the said Fifteenth Day of *May*, and which have since come to his or her Hands or Possession, and which by him or her, or by any Person in his or her Behalf, have been sold, and which have been in his or her Family consumed and expended, and the Quantity of each Article remaining on Hand ; which Account shall express the particular Quantity of each Kind so sold, consumed, or disposed of ; and he or she shall pay therefor to the said Collector, or his Deputy, the Excise Duties aforesaid, excepting for so much as shall have been sold to Persons duly licenced or permitted as aforesaid, and so much as shall remain on Hand, and so much as shall have been exported out of the State for Sale and Consumption,

sumption, in the Manner herein after prescribed: And if any of the said excised Articles shall have been sold to Persons licenced or permitted as aforesaid, the said Account shall mention the Name of the Person licenced or permitted, and the Time when the same was so sold; and the Person accounting shall exhibit a Certificate, under the Hand of the licenced or permitted Person purchasing, expressing the particular Quantity of each excised Article purchased, the Time when, and the Town and County wherein such licenced or permitted Person lives, or is resident; and shall lodge the said Certificate with the said Collector or his Deputy; and for the Articles mentioned in the said Certificate the said Collector, or his Deputy, shall not demand any Duty; but shall transmit the said Certificate, or an Account thereof, to the Collector of the County wherein such licenced or permitted Person who signed the same resides; which last mentioned Collector shall settle with such licenced or permitted Person, for the Excise Duties that may become due on the Articles in the said Certificate mentioned. And the Form of the Oath or Affirmation to be administered by the Collector, or his Deputy, to Innholders or Retailers of spirituous Liquors, shall be as follows, to wit:

You ——— do swear (or affirm) that the Account by you now rendered is, to the best of your Knowledge and Judgment, a just and true Account of all Wines, Rum, and distilled Spirits, you had in your Possession on the Fifteenth Day of May, and also of all the Wines, Rum, and distilled Spirits, bought, taken in, imported or received by you, or by any Person or Persons for or under you, and that remain by you unsold; and that there has not been, by you or by any Person for or under you, directly or indirectly, sold, used, or consumed, any Wine, Rum, or distilled Spirits, since the said Fifteenth Day of May, besides what is contained in the Account by you now rendered. So help you God, or this Engagement you make upon the Penalty of Perjury.

AND the same Form, *mutatis mutandis*, shall be made use of by every Person who shall be permitted to sell any other of the excised Articles, when rendering an Account thereof; and for every Person that was not licenced on or before the said Fifteenth Day of May, the Form of the Oath shall be so varied as to express the Time of his taking Licence or Permit; and upon any accounting anew, the Time of exhibiting the last Account shall be used.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who shall, from and after the said Fifteenth of May, bring or import into this State, or unto whom any of the said excised Articles shall be consigned for Sale, or private Consumption, shall within Ten Days pay or secure to the Collector the excised Duties due thereon; and in Case of Failure herein, shall forfeit and pay a Fine not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, nor less than Twenty Pounds, Two-Thirds to the Use of this State, and One-Third to the Prosecutor. Provided nevertheless, That if such Importer or Consignee be a licenced or permitted Person, then he shall only be held to report the same to the Collector,

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and at the Time he renders his Account shall account for the same, and pay the Excise that may become due thereon as before directed. And all Accounts of dutied Articles rendered to the Collector, or his Deputy, shall be on Oath or Affirmation. And any of the said excised Articles, imported by Persons not licenced or permitted to sell the same, that shall not be reported to the Collector, or his Deputy, within Ten Days after such Importation, shall be liable to Seizure and Confiscation; One-Third to the Collector, and Two-Thirds to the Use of this State, to be determined at a Special Inferior Court of Common Pleas, to be holden agreeable to Law; either Party aggrieved having Liberty of appealing to the next Superior Court of Judicature, &c. which shall be holden in the County in which such Seizure shall be made.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Person who hereafter may be appointed a Collector of the excised Articles aforesaid, who shall, from and after the said Fifteenth Day of May, import into this State, or shall have any Consignment, or otherwise sell or dispose of any Wine, Rum, or other excised Articles, or shall use or consume the same, such Collector shall keep and render a like Account thereof, on Oath or Affirmation, to the General-Treasurer, who is hereby empowered to administer the same in the Form prescribed; and shall pay him the like Excise thereon as such Persons so appointed would otherwise have been obliged to have taken, kept, rendered and paid, to the Collector of the Excise aforesaid; and that the same be done in like Manner and Time, and under the like Pains and Penalties as are in this Act prescribed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Third Mondays of May and November, annually, shall be the Times all licenced and permitted Persons shall account, and pay in the Excise aforesaid, unto the Collector; and each Collector shall attend at some convenient Place in each Town, in their several and respective Counties, in order to receive and settle all Accounts relating to the said Excise, first giving seasonable and public Notice of the Time and Place where the said Business is to be transacted. And at the Time of receiving any Money for the Excise of the aforesaid excised Articles, he shall give Two Receipts, of the same Tenor and Date, mentioning what Sum he hath received therefor; One of which Receipts to be returned to the General-Treasurer.

And be it further Enacted, That the several Collectors shall carefully examine the Accounts of every Importer, licenced and permitted Person, in their respective Counties, and demand, sue for and receive, the several Sums due from them by this Act; and shall give the Name of every Importer, licenced and permitted Person, and an Account under their Hands of the particular Sums they receive, and of whom received, unto the General-Treasurer, upon Oath or Affirmation; which Oath or Affirmation the Treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to administer, in the Form following, to wit:

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You A. B. do swear (or affirm) that this is a true List of all the Importers of dutied Articles, that have come to your Knowledge, and of all the Persons licenced and permitted by you to sell the same, and is a just and true Account of all the Excise Duties by you received, by Virtue of an Act entituled, "An Act laying Duties of Excise on certain Articles therein described:" And that you have not knowingly neglected administering the Oath or Affirmation prescribed to the several Importers, licenced and permitted Persons, from whom the same was received or secured, in Manner and Form as by the said Act is prescribed. So help you God, or this Affirmation you make upon the Peril of the Penalty of Perjury.

AND whereas the Requirement of Duties of Excise on Articles to be exported out of this State, may in some Instances operate to the Injury of Trade and Commerce : To prevent which manifest Evils, and the Commission of Fraud therein,

Be it further Enacted, That if any Person shall ship or export by Sea any of the excised Articles aforesaid from this State, and shall report the same to the Collector of the County where such Articles are, or his Deputy, and after the same shall be exported shall make Oath or Affirmation thereof, and that the same are not designed to be brought back again into this State, such Articles shall not be subject to any Excise.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Owner or Possessor of any of the Carriages hereafter enumerated, Billiard-Tables, Clocks, Watches, and Dogs of every Age and Description, shall pay, on or before the Third Monday in November yearly, and every Year, the Duty by this Act required for each Carriage, Billiard-Table, Clock, Watch and Dog, by him or her owned or possessed, to wit :

For every Coach, Four Pounds.

For every Chariot, Four Pounds.

For every Phaeton and Four-wheeled Chaise, Two Pounds and Five Shillings.

For every Two-wheeled Chaise or Curricule, Twelve Shillings.

For every Sulky and other Riding-Chair, Seven Shillings and Six Pence.

For every Billiard-Table, Six Pounds.

For every Clock, Nine Shillings.

For every Gold Watch, Six Shillings.

For every Silver or other Watch, Three Shillings.

For every Dog, Three Shillings.

THAT the Owners or Possessors of all dutied Carriages, Clocks, Watches, Billiard-Tables or Dogs, be and they are hereby required and directed to return in Writing, under Oath or Affirmation, to the Assessors of Taxes of their respective Towns, on the Day by them affixed for that Purpose, a List of all the excised Carriages, Clocks, Watches, Billiard-Tables or Dogs, which they were possessed of, on the Third Monday
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of *May* next, before the making of such Return : That the Assessors be and hereby are required and directed, to notify the Inhabitants and Residents of their respective Towns to return to them a List of the said dutied Articles by them owned or possessed, some Time in the Month of *July* annually ; which List, with the Names of the Owners or Possessors, shall be by the said Assessors returned to the Collector of Excise, on or before the Thirtieth Day of *August* then next following : That if any of the Owners or Possessors of the said dutied Articles shall neglect to return said List as aforesaid, the said Assessors shall report the same to the Collector of Excise, with the Number of Carriages, Clocks, Watches, Billiard-Tables or Dogs, by such delinquent Persons owned or possessed, from their best Knowledge and Information : And that the said Assessors, for their Services herein, shall have a reasonable Allowance made them by their respective Towns. And if the Assessors of any Town shall neglect the due Performance of their Duty, as directed and enjoined upon them in this Act, the Assessors of such Town so neglecting their Duty, shall forfeit a Sum not less than *Twenty Pounds*, nor more than *Three Hundred Pounds*, for the Use of this State, to be recovered by Action or Complaint in any Court proper to try the same.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Collector of each County shall, within Thirty Days after the Duties on Carriages shall become due, make out and deliver to the Collector of Taxes of each Town in his County an exact List of the Persons Names, and the Sums due from each of them, doubling the Excise upon all the excised Articles owned or possessed by any Person who shall neglect to make Return thereof to the Assessors as aforesaid, with *Ten per Centum* added thereto, together with a Warrant of Distress, for the Whole of the said Sums ; which Warrant the said Collectors are hereby empowered to grant, returnable on the First *Monday of May* then next following : That the said Collectors of Taxes shall proceed in the same Manner as is by Law prescribed, in Case of distraining for Non-Payment of Taxes ; and that the said Collectors of Taxes, after deducting the additional Sum of *Ten per Centum*, shall pay the Remainder of the Sum expressed in the Warrant to the Collector who granted the same, who shall give them a full Discharge therefor.

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And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That One Collector for each County within this State shall be annually appointed by the General Assembly, who shall be and is hereby empowered to receive and collect all the Duties mentioned in this Act ; and to administer

nister the Oaths or Affirmations required by this Act to be given in the Execution of his Office; and to sue for and recover all Penalties, Fines and Forfeitures, which may arise from a Non-compliance with or a Breach of the same; and shall, once in Three Months, pay into the General-Treasury all Sums of Money which he may collect or receive in Consequence of this Act, except such Part thereof as is otherwise expressly appropriated, which is to be paid according to the Appropriation: That every Collector shall, on or before the Third *Monday of May* annually, render to the Treasurer a fair and accurate Account of all Monies by him received in each particular Town, of whom, and the Time when received; and shall then settle and balance his Accounts, under Oath or Affirmation, with the General-Treasurer, who shall lay the said Accounts before the General Assembly, at their then next Session.

And it is further Enacted, That the Collectors of Excise, who shall be appointed, be and they are hereby severally empowered to appoint Deputies to do the Business herein assigned to them, and every Part thereof: That the said Collectors shall severally be accountable for the Conduct of their respective Deputies, and pay them for their Services out of their own Commissions: That in every Port where an Intendant of Trade resides, the Collector, or his Deputy, shall keep a public Office open every Day (Sundays excepted) from Nine o'Clock in the Morning until One, and from Three o'Clock in the Afternoon until Sunset: That in Case, by Reason of Non-acceptance, Death or Removal, of the Collectors that shall be chosen for the several Counties, a Vacancy shall happen, the Intendant of Trade in such Sea-port Town may grant Permits in the same Manner as this Act directs, until a Person shall be duly appointed and qualified for discharging the Office of Collector; in which Case the Intendant of Trade shall take Bond to the General-Treasurer, in the same Manner as is prescribed in this Act; and shall transmit to the Collector who shall be next appointed in the same County an Account of each Permit by him granted, together with the Bonds taken therefor: Which Collector, receiving such Bonds from the Intendant of Trade, shall be as fully empowered to sue for and recover the same, as any other Bonds which may be taken in his own Name.

And be it further Enacted, That every Person who may be appointed Collector of Duties, in Pursuance of this Act, with his Deputies, shall, before they proceed in the Execution of their Office, be severally sworn or affirmed to the faithful Discharge thereof, before some Justice of the Peace or Warden, who is hereby empowered to administer such Oath or Affirmation, and is hereby directed to return a Certificate thereof to the Secretary of this State: That every Collector shall become bound to the General-Treasurer, with sufficient Sureties, in a Sum not exceeding *Five Thousand Pounds*, nor less than *One Thousand Pounds*, for the faithful Discharge of the Duties required of him by this Act; and that the said Collectors shall be entitled to receive severally a Commission of *Two and an Half per Centum* for their Services.

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And it is hereby further Enacted, That in Case a Vacancy shall happen, by Reason of the Death, Resignation, Removal out of the State, or Non-acceptance of any Person who shall be appointed Collector of Excise, or by other Means, in any of the Counties in this State, in the Recess of the General Assembly, or at so late a Period in any Session of the same that the Vacancy occasioned in any Manner as aforesaid shall not be supplied in the same Session thereof, the Governor of this State for the Time being shall be and hereby is authorised and empowered to appoint a Collector of Excise for the County where such Vacancy shall happen : Which Collector being qualified, as in this Act is directed, shall continue in Office, and be vested with all the Power and Authority appertaining thereto, until he shall be confirmed in his Office, or another shall be appointed by the General Assembly in his Stead. And any Collector who shall be appointed or chosen as aforesaid, and also any Collector who shall be appointed or chosen in the Room of any other Collector, shall be and hereby is empowered and authorised to demand and receive of his Predecessor, if living, or, if dead, of his Executors or Administrators, and of the Deputies of such Predecessor, all official Bonds, Notes, Accounts, and other Papers, and give proper Discharges for the same ; and to commence and prosecute an Action, in his own Name, upon any Bond or Security given to his Predecessor in Office, in the Capacity of Collector of Excise ; and to demand, prosecute, sue for, recover and receive, any Duties that were due, or Penalties incurred, before his Appointment to the said Office ; and to do and perform all Matters and Things whatever which his said Predecessor could have done, had he continued in Office.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Collector, or his Deputy, shall wittingly, willingly, and corruptly, give any Permit or Certificate contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act, and shall be thereof convicted, he shall be, and hereby is declared to be, for ever hereafter incapable of holding any Place of Honor, Trust or Profit, under this Assembly ; and shall pay a Fine equal to double the Value of the Duties set by this Act on the Articles contained in such Permit or Certificate.

And it is further Enacted, That the said Collectors, and their Deputies, shall have free Recourse, without Fee, to the Books and Accounts of any Intendant of Trade, or other Public Officer, from whence they may expect to receive any Evidence for the Detection of Frauds, or Violation of this Act.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all Cases where any Action or Actions shall be brought against either of the Collectors of Excise, or either of their Deputies, upon any Matter touching the Prosecution of his Duty, or Business assigned to him by this Act, in all such Cases such Collector, or Deputy, shall be allowed to plead the General Issue, and give this Act in Evidence.

And be it further Enacted, That if any Person shall deliver to any Collector, or Deputy-Collector, any false Certificate, with Design to defraud

defraud the Government, he shall forfeit and pay a Fine of *One Hundred Pounds*, and the Value of the Goods therein mentioned. And if any Permit, Certificate, or Receipt, shall be forged, counterfeited or altered, the Person forging, counterfeiting or altering the same, shall forfeit the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, and the Value of the Goods mentioned therein.

And it is further Enacted, That all Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties, which may arise or be incurred by Virtue of this Act, not otherwise expressly appropriated, shall be paid into the General-Treasury, to and for the Use of this State.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Duties and Excises upon the above-mentioned Articles be paid in Money only ; which shall be lodged in the General-Treasury, and appropriated to the Discharge of the Notes and Orders given by the General-Treasurer, and the contingent Charges of Government.

And it is further Enacted, That the Act of this Assembly, made and passed at the Session held in *May*, A. D. 1785, entitled, "An Act for laying additional Duties on certain enumerated Articles, and for encouraging the Manufacture thereof within this and the United States of *America*," so far as the same lays a Duty or Impost upon Wine or Loaf-Sugar, imported into this State, in Vessels belonging to any of the United States of *America*, be and the same is hereby repealed.

And it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall continue and be in Force for the Space of Three Years, and no longer.

It is Ordered, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit Copies of this Act to the several Town-Treasurers, and Town-Clerks, within this State.



WHEREAS Messieurs *John Sayles*, *Jonathan J. Hazard*, and *Thomas Joslin* presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report of the
Committee on
the State Debt.

THE Subscribers being by your Honors at the Session held at *Providence* in *October*, A. D. 1786, appointed a Committee (with *Oliver Durfee* and *Josiah Humphry*, Esquires) to examine into the Public Securities given by the General-Treasurer of this State, and for what the same were given, and how the same were liquidated ; in particular in Regard to the *Six and Four per Cent.* Notes, and make Report of our Doings to this Session, beg Leave to inform your Honors, that Sickness and the Extremity of the Weather have prevented a sufficient Number of us from meeting together at the Time and Place by us appointed,

appointed, so as to complete our Report. All which is submitted by your Honors humble Servants,

*John Sayles,
Jonathan F. Hazard.
Thomas Joslin.*

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the said Committee be continued for the Purposes of their original Appointment : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of the Honorable Daniel Owen, Esq. Stephen Winsor, Simeon Thayer, Arthur Fenner, jun. and Caleb Harris, Esquires, preferred unto this Assembly praying for the exclusive Privilege of a Coinage for this State, for the Period of Twelve Years, be and the same is hereby granted : That they be subject to such Conditions, Limitations and Restrictions, as shall be agreed to by this Assembly : And that Henry Marchant, William Channing, Benjamin Bourne, and Moses Brown, Esquires, be and they or any Three of them, are hereby appointed a Committee to draught and report an Act proper for carrying the Intention of the said Petitioners into Execution, consistently with the Articles of Confederation and the Sovereignty of this State.

Act for transferring real Estates to be printed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Bill entitled, "An Act for transferring real Estates," as reported by the Committee for revising the Laws, be published in the *Newport* and *Providence* News-Papers for One Week : And that a printed Copy thereof be transmitted by the Secretary to each Town-Clerk in the State, for the Consideration of the Freemen thereof.

Petition of Clark and Nightingale respecting J. Wanton's Estate &c.

WHEREAS Messieurs John Innis Clark and Joseph Nightingale preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that having purchased of this State the Estate late Joseph Wanton's, situate on the Point in *Newport*, they expected to have taken Possession of the same on receiving a Deed : That they have paid the Purchase Money agreeably to the Conditions of Sale, and received a Deed from the General-Treasurer warranting the said Estate clear of all Incumbrances at the Time of Sale : And that nevertheless the Society of Friends have Possession of the said Estate, in Consequence of a Judgment of Court, and refuse to deliver Possession thereof unless certain Quit-Rents said to be due to them prior to the said Purchase are first paid : And thereupon the said John Innis Clark and Joseph Nightingale prayed this Assembly to cause the said Quit-Rents to be paid, and the Possession of the said Estate to be delivered to them.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Petition be received : That George Champlin, Esq. and Mr. Daniel Mason be a Committee to inquire into the Amount of the Claims of the Society of Friends on the said Estate to the Time of the said Sale thereof :

thereof: That they also confer with the said Society of Friends or a Committee thereof, on what Terms and for what Amount they will relinquish their Right to Quit-Rent on the Roome Estate so called: And that they report thereon to this Assembly at the next Session.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Jonathan J. Hazard and Samuel Potter, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive out of the General-Treasury the *Three Hundred Pounds* ordered at the present Session in Favor of the Delegates: That they invest the same in Articles to the best Advantage, and place the Proceeds thereof in Cash in the Hands of the said Delegates in *New-York*; and that they account therefor.

Committee to provide Specie for the Delegates.

An ACT in Addition to an Act passed by the General Assembly at the Session held in *June*, A. D. 1783, laying an Impost of *Two per Centum* ad valorem upon Articles imported, &c. and of an Act passed at the Session held in *June*, A. D. 1784, raising the same to *Two and an Half per Centum*.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof ^{Impost raised to Five per Cent.} *it is hereby Enacted*, That *Two and an Half per Centum* be added to the Duties upon the said imported Articles, making *Five per Centum* in the Whole; to be collected in the Manner directed in the aforesaid Act passed in *June*, A. D. 1783.

It is further Enacted, That all the Money which shall arise from the said Impost, and also from the Impost upon enumerated Articles be paid by the Collectors thereof into the General-Treasury at the End of every Three Months during the Continuance of this Act.

It is also Enacted, That this Act shall take Place at the Expiration of Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to all Persons holding Notes against the State, and Orders issued by the General-Treasurer on the Collectors of Impost for the Interest thereof, the One-Fourth Part of the nominal Sum of such Notes and Orders (if the said Holders shall apply therefor) indorsing such Payment thereon: And that the said Payments be made out of the Money which has been or that may be paid into the General-Treasury for State Taxes or other State Purposes;

General-Treasurer to pay One-Fourth of the State Notes.

Provided nevertheless, and it is further Voted and Resolved, That no Payment shall be made on any of the Four per Cent. Notes so called which are now outstanding, nor upon any Treasurer's Note given for the Consolidation of any of the said Four per Cent. Notes.

Committee on Petition of J. Stanton, jun. *It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs James Sheldon, Samuel Potter, and Abel Tanner, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq. preferred unto this Assembly praying for an Allowance, for Advances made to the State while One of the Committee of Safety; and that they report to this Assembly at the next Session.*

Rate-Bills of the last State-Tax to be sent to the Assembly. *It is Voted and Resolved, That the City and Town-Clerks of the City and respective Towns in this State be, and they are hereby required to transmit to the next Session of this Assembly, at the Commencement thereof, a Copy of their respective Rate-Rolls, for the last State Tax: And that this Resolution be published in the News-Papers of this State for One Week, as soon as may be after the Rising of this Assembly.*

Committee to consider W. Hall's Petition. *It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. James Congdon be, and he is hereby appointed in the Room of Rowse J. Helms, Esq. as One of the Committee appointed to inquire into the Petition of William Hall preferred unto this Assembly at a former Session: That the said James Congdon, together with Messieurs George Thomas and John Allen, the other Two of the said Committee, inquire into the Subject Matter of the said Petition, and report a State of Facts thereon to this Assembly as soon as may be.*



An ACT lessening the Time for bringing personal Actions.

Act limiting personal Actions.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That from and after the Rising of this Assembly, all Actions upon private promissory Notes of Hand now given and payable, and Book-Accounts, now outstanding, and where the same have not been due, for the Space of Four Years or upwards, shall be commenced within Two Years from the Rising of this Assembly, and not afterwards.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all private promissory Notes of Hand, which shall be given after the Rising of this Assembly, shall not be recoverable in any Court of Record within this State, unless the Actions brought thereon be commenced within Two Years from and after the Time such Notes shall be payable.

And

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Book-Accounts, which shall commence after the Rising of this Assembly, shall not be recoverable in any Court of Record within this State, after Two Years from the Date of the first Article charged in the said Accounts : Provided nevertheless, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to deprive any Person from recovering his just Debts, either upon Notes of Hand or Book-Accounts, who shall be deprived of complying with this Act by being over Seas, Non-compos Mentis, or under Age ; if such Person or Persons shall comply with this Act within Two Years after such Disability shall be removed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person within this State shall commence an Action upon a Note of Hand, or Book-Account, contrary to this Act, the Defendant may plead this Act in Bar, and the same shall be barred accordingly.



It is Voted and Resolved, That the Act that Actions upon Notes of Hand be brought in the Name of the original Promisee ; and the Act in Addition to the Act for the Limitation of personal Actions, both passed at the present Session, be published One Week in the several News-Papers in this State.

Act respecting
Notes, &c. be
published.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Thomas Rumrell, Esq. be and he is hereby empowered to draw One Hundred Pounds, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, on Account of his Services, as Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office ; and that he account for the same.

T. Rumrell to
draw £.100

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Act of this Assembly passed at the Session in June last, entitled, " An Act in Addition to and Amendment of an Act made and passed by the General Assembly of this State at their last May Session, at Newport, for emitting the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds ;" and the Act passed in Addition thereto at August Session last, entitled, " An Act in Addition to and Amendment of an Act entitled An Act in Addition to and Amendment of an Act made and passed by this Assembly at their Session held at Newport, in May last, for emitting the Sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds in Bills of public Credit," be and the same are hereby repealed.

Penal Laws re-
speeting Paper
Money repealed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That a Tax of Twenty Thousand Pounds, Lawful Money, be assessed and levied upon the rateable Polls and Estates within this State, to be paid in the Paper Bills of this State ; which when paid in shall be appropriated to the Payment of the Treasurer's Notes of this State : And that the Apportionment of the said Tax, to the different Towns, be postponed to the next Session of this Assembly.

Tax to be le-
vied.

WHEREAS Joseph Fry and Job Comstock, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit ;

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Report on G.
Mumford's Ac-
counts,

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable General Assembly of this State to settle the Accounts of the Collector of Impost and Intendant of Trade for the County of *Kent*, beg Leave to report that we have proceeded to the said Business and find a Balance due to the said State of *Seventy-one Pounds Four Shillings and Eight Pence*, which we have received in Money and Impost Orders granted by the Treasurer of this State, which we herewith present; as also *Two Pounds One Shilling and Seven Pence* in Money, collected for Light-Money, which we likewise herewith present. It being the whole of the Money due and collected up to the Thirty-first Day of *October*, A. D. 1786, as a further Examination of the Accounts herewith exhibited will make more fully appear.

Joseph Fry,
Job Comstock, } Committee.

East-Greenwich, January 6th, A. D. 1787.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: And that the said Sums be delivered to *Thomas Rumrill*, Esquire, who is hereby requested to pay the same into the General-Treasury.

Act respecting
the small Bills
of the late E-
mission.

WHEREAS the words "Death to Counterfeit," are not inserted in, or upon the Bills emitted by Virtue of an Act passed in *May* last, of the Denomination of *Two Shillings and Six Pence, One Shilling, Nine Pence and Six Pence*, although by the said Act, the Words should have been inserted.

Be it therefore Enacted by this General-Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all Bills emitted as aforesaid, of the Denomination aforesaid, and signed by the Committee, or such of them as is by the said Act required, be, and the same shall be taken and deemed good and lawful Bills of Credit of this State, according to the full Tenor, Effect and Meaning of the said Act, the Omission aforesaid notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whoever shall counterfeit, or willingly alter or deface any of the said Bills, with an Intent of injuring the Credit thereof, or shall utter the same, knowing it to be counterfeited or altered, he, she, or they so offending, shall be deemed guilty of an high Crime and Misdemeanor, and upon Conviction shall suffer accordingly. *It is Ordered*, That a Copy of this Act be inserted One Week in the News-Papers of this State.

J. Niles al-
lowed £. 13
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It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirteen Pounds Twelve Shillings and Six Pence*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury, to *Jonathan Niles*, Esq. Sheriff of the County of *Kent*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for Wood, Chairs and Candles furnished for the Use of this Assembly, and for a Latch for the State-House in the said County.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That all Executions and Proceedings which are prayed to be stayed by any Petition filed in the Secretary's Office, or pending before this Assembly, be stayed until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session; provided Bond shall be given and Citation taken out according to Law. Executions, &c. where Petitions are pending stayed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be referred to the next Session: That the Acts and Laws now made and passed be published by Beat of Drum in the City of *Newport*, within Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty be sent to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks of the several Towns: And that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the Second *Monday* in *March* next, then to convene in the County of *Washington*. Adjournment.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESSES,

Henry Ward Swann

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and held (by Adjournment) at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Second *Monday* of *March*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, and in the Eleventh Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

J O H N C O L L I N S, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

The HONORABLE

DANIEL OWEN, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN MATHEWSON, Esq;

JOSEPH STANTON, jun. Esq;

JOHN WILLIAMS, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;

GIDEON CLARK, Esq;

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

OLIVER DURFEE, Esq;

} Assistants.

R O W S E J. H E L M E, Esq; Secretary pro Tempore.

D E P U T I E S

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honorable OTHNIEL GORTON, Esquire, Speaker.

NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Henry Marchant, *Esq*;
 George Champlin, *Esq*;
 John Topham, *Esq*;
 Mr. Daniel Maſon,
 Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq*;
 John Brown, *Esq*;
 Charles Keene, *Esq*;
 Benjamin Bourne, *Esq*;

PORTSMOUTH :

Elijah Cobb, *Esq*;

WARWICK :

Mr. Speaker,
 Mr. Gideon Arnold,
 Thomas Holden, *Esq*;
 John Low, *Esq*;

WESTERLY :

Joſeph Noyes, *Esq*;
 Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Edward Hull,
 Mr. John Sands.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

James Congdon, *Esq*;
 Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq*;
 John Gardner, *Esq*;

EAST-GREENWICH :

Joſeph Fry, *Esq*;
 Job Comſtock, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN :

Rowland Robinſon, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Franklin.

SMITHFIELD :

John Sayles, *Esq*;
 Andrew Waterman, *Esq*;

SCITUATE :

Mr. Nathan Bates,
 Thomas Mowry, *Esq*;

GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Seth Hunt,

Stephen Winfor, *Esq*;

CHARLESTOWN :

Mr. Thomas Hoxſie,
 Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Joſlin, *Esq*;
 Mr. William Mathewſon.

COVENTRY :

Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.

EXETER :

Mr. Joſeph Reynolds,
 Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN :

None.

BRISTOL :

Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Benjamin Howland.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. George Simmons,
 Nathaniel Searle, *Esq*;

WARREN :

Mr. Cromel Child,
 Mr. Smith Bowen.

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. Stephen Whipple.

RICHMOND :

Mr. James Sheldon,
 Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

Mr. George Waterman.

HOPKINTON :

Abel Tanner, *Esq*;
 Thomas Wells (2d) *Esq*;

JOHNSTON :

Andrew Harris, *Esq*;

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Mr. Edward Smith.

BARRINGTON :

Joſiah Humphrey, *Esq*;
 Mr. Vial Allen.

FOSTER :

John Weſtcott, *Esq*;
 Mr. Chriſtopher Colwell.

JOHN S. DEXTER, Esq; Clerk of the Lower Houſe.

WHEREAS *William Nichols*, of *West-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that heretofore he was disqualified from electing, or being elected to any Office in this State; and thereupon prayed for Relief: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That an Act of this Assembly, passed at the Session in *October, Anno Domini* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four, disqualifying the said *William Nichols* from electing, or being elected to any Office, civil or military, within this State, be, and the same is hereby repealed: And that the said *William Nichols* be, and he hereby is restored, to every Right and Privilege of other Freemen in this State, upon his taking the Oath of Allegiance prescribed by Law.

Act restoring *W. Nichols*.

WHEREAS the United Congregational Society, in the Town of *Little-Compton*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that God, in his Providence, having taken from them their late Pastor, Mr. *Jonathan Ellis*, by Death, they have unanimously made Choice of a young Gentleman to preach the Gospel to them: That the Calamities of the Times, and the Want of a sufficient Fund to support a Minister, necessitate them to pray this Assembly to grant them the Benefit of a Lottery, for raising the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds*, of the Paper Money of this State, for the Purpose of building a Parsonage-House in the said Town, for the said Society: And that Messieurs *Perez Richmond*, *George Simmons*, *Nathaniel Church*, *David Stoddard*, *Nathaniel Searle*, and *John Davis*, may be appointed Managers thereof:

Lottery granted to Congregational Society *Little-Compton*.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted: That the said Society be empowered to let forth a Lottery for the Purpose of raising the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds*, lawful Money, for building a Parsonage-House for the said Society, in the said Town: That the said *Perez Richmond*, *George Simmons*, *Nathaniel Church*, *David Stoddard*, *Nathaniel Searle*, and *John Davis*, be, and they are hereby appointed, Managers of the said Lottery, and empowered to agree on a Scheme for the same; provided they shall previously give Bond to the General-Treasurer of this State, in a Sum double the Amount of the said Scheme, for the faithful Performance of their said Trust: And that no Expence accrue thereon to this State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Jacob Richardson*, Esq; of *Newport*, be ordered forthwith to appear before this Assembly, to answer to a Complaint made against him, of insulting his Excellency the Governor: That the Secretary, for the Time being, issue a Warrant for that Purpose; and that Mr. *Jonathan Hazard*, a Deputy-Sheriff, cite the said *Jacob Richardson* to appear accordingly.

J. Richardson to appear before the Assembly.

WHEREAS the Committee who were appointed to audit the Account of *Caleb Harris*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, presented unto this Assembly an Account of the said *Caleb Harris*, and subjoined thereto the following Report, to wit:

Report upon *C. Harris's* Account.

Providence,

Providence, March 8th, 1787. Examined the foregoing Account of *Caleb Harris*, Esq; Keeper of the Impost Office, and find the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and One Halfpenny* lawful Money, which he has received from the Twenty-second Day of *May*, till the Eighth Day of *November*, last past.

JOHN MATHEWSON, } Committee.
JOHN JENCKES, }

To the Honorable the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island, &c.*

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be received; and that the said Sum of *Seven Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and One Halfpenny*, lawful Money, be paid by the said *Caleb Harris* into the General-Treasury, as soon as may be.

City Charter
Newport vacated.

WHEREAS divers Inhabitants of the City of *Newport* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That about Two Years since a Number of the Inhabitants of the then Town of *Newport* convened in Town-Meeting, and without consulting many others of their Fellow-Townsmen, or giving them an Opportunity to consider the Consequence and Importance of a Change in their Town Regulations, and of introducing a Mode of Government, novel, arbitrary, and altogether unfit for free Republicans, did hastily, and without due and proper Consideration, prefer a Petition to the General Assembly of this State, to incorporate the said Town into a City: That the General Assembly were then pleased to grant the same, and incorporate the said Town into a City; since which they have experienced many Inconveniences and Indignities, unknown to them before said Incorporation, injurious to their Property and civil Liberty, and incompatible with the Rights of Freemen: That the Choice of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council is effected by a few leading, influential Men, who, when chosen, have the Appointment of all the City Officers, independent of the Suffrages of the People, which they conceive to be a Derogation of those Rights and Immunities, which Freemen are indisputably entitled to, and for which so much Blood and Treasure has been exhausted: That the Power of the Corporation is indefinite, and of Consequence dangerous: And that they were told that the City Mode of Government would be economical, and much less expensive; in which they have been deceived, as the Mayor has the same Salary with the Governor, and the Wardens and other Officers receive more Money for their Services in Proportion than the whole judicial Powers of this State united: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly, that the Incorporation Act of the City of *Newport* may be repealed; and that the said Charter may be annulled, vacated, and made void:

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted: That the
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Act, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Newport* into a City," made and passed at *May* Session, *Anno Domini* One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-four, be repealed; and that the Charter of Incorporation thereby granted be, and the same is hereby declared null and void.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said City of *Newport* be, and hereby is incorporated and made a Township by the ancient Name of the Town of *Newport*, and the Inhabitants thereof restored to all the Privileges and Immunities they held and enjoyed before they were incorporated into a City: That the Clerk of the said (former City, now) Town of *Newport* be, and he hereby is appointed and fully empowered, to convene the Freemen of the said Town, by Warrant, at the State-House in said Town, on *Tuesday*, the Twenty-seventh Day of *March* current, in Order to hold a Town-Meeting, choose a Moderator, and all such Town-Officers as they were heretofore entitled to by the Laws of this State, and to do any other Matter and Thing whatever, in Order to regulate and make said City a Township as aforesaid: And that the said City remain under the City Laws and Regulations until the said Time for holding a Town-Meeting and no longer.

WHEREAS the Town of *Jamestown* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That the Proprietors of the said Township formerly owned or were possessed of a Mill-Lot, at the End of the Farm, late the Property of Col. *Joseph Wanton*, deceased, upon the main Road of said Township, whereon formerly stood their Wind-Mill: That the Executors to *Nicholas Carr's* last Will and Testament, who sold the Farm to the said *Joseph Wanton*, did not make any Reserve of said Lot by which Means it was inclosed in the said Farm: And that they are about to erect a new Mill, and the said Lot is the most convenient of any in the said Town, it being the most central and the best Eminence: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them One Half Acre of Land where their old Mill formerly stood for that Purpose:

Land granted to *Jamestown*, to erect a Wind Mill upon.

WHICH being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said Petition be so far granted, That One Half Acre of Land, being Part of the Farm lying in *Jamestown*, which did late belong unto Col. *Joseph Wanton*, an Absentee, and was confiscated to and for the Use of this State, be set off and assigned to and for the Use of the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Jamestown*, for the special Purpose and upon Trust, that they erect and keep in Repair a good Wind-Mill for grinding Grain, to be and remain to and for their Use, for so long Time as the said Wind-Mill when erected shall be kept in Order for grinding: That Mr. *John Weeden* be, and he is hereby appointed to set off the exact Measure of One Half Acre of Land at or near the Place where the former Mill stood, bounded Westerly upon the Highway, and erect Bounds and Monuments, and make a Plat thereof and return the same to this Assembly: That the said Lot be fenced off and inclosed at the Expence of the said Inhabitants: That forever hereafter the Fences

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be by them maintained for inclosing the same : And that if the said Mill be not erected within One Year, or shall after the same be erected become useless for Two Years, this Grant shall be void, and the Land revert to and for the Use of this State.

D. Mafon to apply to J. Clarke for Duplicate Receipts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Daniel Mafon* be, and he is hereby appointed, to apply to *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; late Loan-Officer in this State, and to request from him a Duplicate of a Receipt given by him for this State's Quota of the Continental Money, paid him on a Requisition of Congress; and also Duplicates of such Receipts as he has given for the Indents and Teaming Certificates, delivered into his Hands as Loan-Officer as aforesaid, on like Requisitions : And that the said *Daniel Mafon* transmit the said Duplicate Receipts to our Delegates in *New-York*, as soon as he shall have procured the same, in order that this State may have Credit for the said Payments, in the Books of the Treasury of the United States.

J. Hazard to deliver Money to J. Sayles.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, lawful Money, received by *Jonathan J. Hazard*, Esq; out of the General-Treasury, for the Support of the Delegates of this State in Congress, conformable to a Resolution of this Assembly at the last Session, be paid by him into the Hands of *John Sayles*, Esq; who is hereby requested to receive and invest the same in Lime, or such other Articles as he shall conceive most to the Advantage of the State, and to ship the same to *New-York*, and place the neat Proceeds of the Sale thereof, in Cash, in the Hands of *Péleg Arnold*, Esq; One of the Delegates of this State there.

Petition
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WHEREAS *Robert Currie*, of *Providence*, in the County of *Providence*, surviving Executor of the last Will and Testament of *Samuel Currie*, late of said *Providence*, deceased, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That *George Brown*, formerly of *Providence*, but late of *East-Greenwich*, Esq; deceased, was a Number of Years since committed to Gaol, in the County of *Providence*, for not having accounted for Money, of the old Tenor, which he had received belonging to the State : That being unable to pay the same he remained a considerable Time in Prison : That the said *Samuel Currie* was persuaded to become One of his Bondsmen for the Liberty of the Gaol Yard : That sometime after the said *George Brown* was found to have exceeded the Limits allowed him, whereby his Sureties became liable : That they have accordingly paid large Sums of Money into the General-Treasury, the principal Burthen whereof fell upon the said *Samuel Currie*; Messieurs *Benjamin Cozzens* and *Matthew Cozzens*, the other Sureties not being able to pay : That at *September Term* of the Superior Court, *Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-five, a Judgment was obtained by the Trustees, in behalf of the State, against the said *Samuel Currie*, and *Benjamin Cozzens*, for *Twelve Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Seven Pence*, old Tenor, or *Five Hundred and Forty-nine Pounds Ten Shillings and Three Pence Three Farthings*, lawful Money : That it appears from the Doings of the
General

General Assembly at *August* and *October* Sessions, *Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three, that the Report of a Committee was accepted for deducting from the said Judgment *Four Thousand One Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Three Shillings and Two Pence*, old Tenor, and from comparing and examining the Two Reports it appears, that *One Hundred and Eighty Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight Pence*, the last Committee's Report is to be deducted from the first Committee's Report of *Five Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings and Eleven Pence*, which leaves *Five Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Three Pence*, old Tenor, to be deducted from the said Judgment; which will leave a Balance of *Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four Pence*, old Tenor, due on the said Judgment: And that it appears that a Report was made on *George Brown's* Accounts at *June* Session, *Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and referred and further referred till it was lost: And thereupon the said *Robert Currie* prayed this Assembly, that on his paying into the General-Treasury the Value of the said Sum of *Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four Pence*, old Tenor, in the present lawful Money, as by Law ascertained, the General-Treasurer may be directed to give him in his said Capacity, and the Bondsmen of the said *George Brown*, a full Discharge from the said Judgment:

AND whereas by the Reports of a Committee heretofore made, at *August* Session, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three, and finally at *October* Session, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three, the Sum of *Five Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Three Pence*, old Tenor, was reported to be deducted out of the Judgments obtained by *Edward Thurston*, late Keeper of the Grand-Committee's Office, of the then Colony of *Rhode-Island, &c.* against *Samuel Currie*, *Benjamin Cozzens* and *Matthew Cozzens*: And whereas One of the said Judgments was for the Sum of *Twelve Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Ten Pence*, old Tenor, as aforesaid, and the other Judgment against *Benjamin Cozzens* and *Matthew Cozzens*, was recovered at an Inferior Court in the County of *Newport*, the last *Monday* of *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-three, was for the Sum of *Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Pounds Two Shillings and Two Pence Halfpenny*, old Tenor; and it appears that said Deduction of *Five Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Three Pence*, was to be made out of both said Judgments, and it is equitable it should be so done in Proportion to the Two Debts; and upon that Principle the Proportion to be deducted out of the said Sum of *Twelve Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Ten Pence*, amounts to *Three Thousand One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Six Shillings and Five Pence*, old Tenor, leaving the Sum of *Nine Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Five Pence*, old Tenor, still due to the State from the said *Robert Currie*, as Executor as aforesaid, amounting in lawful Money to the

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Sum of *Three Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Eight Shillings and Two Pence Three Farthings*: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That upon the Payment of the said Sum of *Three Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Eight Shillings and Two Pence Three Farthings*, lawful Money, into the General-Treasury of this State, with the Cost of that Suit against *Samuel Currie* and *Benjamin Cozzens*, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed in Behalf of this State to discharge the same Judgment.

W. Barton's Account. WHEREAS Messieurs *Stephen Smith* and *Robert Carr* presented unto this Assembly the following State of an Account, and their Report thereon, *to wit* :

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *William Barton*, Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, Dr.

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| 1786. | } | To a Balance on Settlement, | £ 3 11 4½ | | |
| June 29. | | | | | |
| | } | To Commision on £ 106 17 3, at 3½ per Centum, | 3 14 4 | | |
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| | | Balance due to the State, | £ 7 5 8½ | | |
| | | | 99 11 6½ | | |
| | | | £ 106 17 3 | | |

Creditor.

By Amount of Impost received from } £ 106 17 3
July 3, 1786, to February 9, 1787, }
 Errors excepted;

Per WILLIAM BARTON.

THE Subscribers being a Committee to audit the Accounts of *William Barton*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, report as follows, *to wit* : The said Accounts being right cast and well vouched, find a Balance due to the State from the said *William Barton*, amounting to the Sum of *Ninety-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six Pence Two Farthings* : All which is submitted by your obedient Servants,

STEPHEN SMITH,
 ROBERT CARR.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : And that the Sum of *Ninety-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six Pence Two Farthings*, the Balance therein reported to be due to the State from the said *William Barton*, be paid by him into the General-Treasury.

J. Russell's Account. WHEREAS Messieurs *Robert Carr* and *Stephen Smith* presented unto this Assembly, a State of an Account, and their Report thereon, as follows, *to wit* :

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State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Jonathan Russell*, Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Bristol*, Dr.

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| 1785. } To Cash paid <i>Robert Stevens</i> , as per } | £ | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| May 5. } Receipt, | | | | |
| June 30. } To Ditto, | | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 1786. } To Ditto, paid <i>Thomas Rumreill</i> , Esq; } | | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Jan. 5. } Ditto, | | | | |

Balance due to the State,

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| £ | 15 | 0 | 5 |
| | 19 | 2 | 7 |
| £ | 34 | 3 | 0 |

Creditor.

By Light Money, received from May } £ 34 3 0
 11, 1784, to February 28, 1787, }

Errors excepted,

Per JONATHAN RUSSELL.

THE Subscribers a Committee to audit the Account of *Jonathan Russell*, Esq; Intendant of Trade for the Port of *Bristol*, report as follows, to wit : That the said Account being duly examined, there is a Balance of *Nineteen Pounds Two Shillings and Seven Pence*, due to the State from the said *Jonathan Russell*. All which is submitted by your obedient Servants,

ROBERT CARR.
 STEPHEN SMITH,

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : And that the said Sum of *Nineteen Pounds Two Shillings and Seven Pence*, lawful Money, the Balance therein reported to be due to the State from the said *Jonathan Russell*, be paid by him into the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, by Consent of Parties, That *John Committee* *Jenckes*, of *Providence*, Esq; *Joseph Hazard*, of *South-Kingstown*, Esq; and *Joseph Stanton*, jun. of *Charlestown*, Esq; be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to run the *Indian Line*, so called, in *Charlestown*, to erect and fix certain permanent Bounds and Monuments, to ascertain the dividing Line between the said *Indians* and the white People ; and that the same shall be final.

AND whereas there is an Action now pending before the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. in and for the County of *Washington*, wherein the *Indian Council* have demanded, against *Joseph Clarke*, of said *Charlestown*, the Possession of a certain Tract of Land, which they claim as their Right of Inheritance : *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, by and with the Consent of Parties, That the said Committee shall hear and determine the said Action, and make Report of the same to the said Superior Court, at their Term to be holden on the First *Monday* of *October* next, which shall be final : And that if the said *Indians* have any of the Lands of the said

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Joseph Clarke in Possession, the said Committee shall determine the same, and fix the Lines and Boundaries accordingly.

Report of
the Grand
Committee.

WHEREAS the Grand Committee presented unto this Assembly the following Report, and Account for their Services, *to wit* :

IN Purfuance of an Act passed by the General Assembly, at the Session held at *Newport*, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, for emitting *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, lawful Money, in Bills of Credit, We, the Subscribers, have signed the said Bills, which are of the following Denominations, *to wit* :

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| 11033 of 60 <i>Shillings</i> each, is | £ 33099 |
| 11033 of 40 Ditto, | 22066 |
| 11034 of 30 Ditto, | 16551 |
| 11034 of 20 Ditto, | 11034 |
| 12000 of 10 Ditto, | 6000 |
| 12000 of 6 Ditto, | 3600 |
| 12000 of 5 Ditto, | 3000 |
| 12000 of 3 Ditto, | 1800 |
| 12000 of 2 <i>Shillings</i> and 6 <i>Pence</i> , | 1500 |
| 12000 of 1 <i>Shilling</i> , | 600 |
| 12000 of 9 <i>Pence</i> , | 450 |
| 12000 of 6 Ditto, | 300 |
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| | £ 100000 |

WHICH said Bills, amounting to *One Hundred Thousand Pounds*, we have delivered to *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq; Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, of whom we have taken a Receipt; also left in the said Office a Register, that contains an Account of the Order of signing the same.

ELIJAH COBB,
NEHEMIAH KNIGHT,
JONATHAN J. HAZARD,
SAMUEL ALLEN,
JOB COMSTOCK.

The State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* to *Elijah Cobb, Nehemiah Knight, Jonathan J. Hazard, Samuel Allen, and Job Comstock,* Dr.

To our Services in signing said Bills, } £ 1000
at 1 *per Centum* upon £ 100,000, is }

Allowance
to the Grand
Committee.

UPON which Account the following Report was made, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable General Assembly, to examine and report the Allowance to the said Committee, have, in Obedience to our Appointment, examined the foregoing Account, and beg Leave to report, That the said Committee be allowed One Half *per Centum*, they accounting for the Money

Money already received out of the said Allowance, which leaves a Balance due to the said Committee of £400. All which is submitted by your Honors obedient Servants,

JOSEPH FRY,
JAMES SHELDON,
VIAL ALLEN.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: And that the said Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*, lawful Money, be paid to the said *Elijah Cobb, Nebemiah Knight, Jonathan J. Hazard, Samuel Allen, and Job Comstock*, Esquires, out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS many idle and dissolute Persons, both Whites and *Indians*, frequently assemble themselves at and near the *Indian Meeting-House*, in *Charlestown*, to drink strong Liquors, and thereby intoxicate themselves, and, in a riotous and abusive Manner, disturb the quiet and sober People, who collect themselves to worship the Deity agreeably to the Dictates of their own Consciences, to the great Annoyance and Subversion of the public Peace and good Order :

Act to prevent selling Liquor near Indian Meeting-House, *Charlestown*.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That no Person or Persons shall sell any strong Liquor to any Person or Persons, on the Sabbath-Day, within one Mile of the said Meeting-House, under the Penalty of *Six Pounds*, lawful Money ; one Half to and for the Use of the Town of *Charlestown*, and the other Half to and for the Informer, who shall prosecute for the same, before any Justice of the Peace in the County of *Washington*, who is hereby fully empowered to hear and determine the same.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person or Persons shall bring any strong Liquor into the Fields or Roads within one Mile of the said Meeting-House, on the Days of the said *Indians* assembling for divine Worship, with an Intent to drink the same, or to retail it out to the idle and vicious Persons so assembled, under the like Penalty, to be prosecuted and forfeited in Manner as aforesaid.



An ACT in Addition to an Act passed at the Session held in *December* last, appropriating the Money in the General-Treasury to the Discharge of all State Securities, except those originating from *Four per Cent.* Notes.

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all Persons holding public Securities of the Denominations aforesaid, be directed to apply to the General-Treasurer

Act for paying off $\frac{1}{2}$ Part of the State Debt.

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| <i>Tiverton,</i> | £ 707 | 13 | 4 | |
| <i>Little-Compton,</i> | 579 | 0 | 0 | |
| <i>New-Shoreham,</i> | 224 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ 3919 4 8 |
| <i>Providence,</i> | 1608 | 6 | 8 | |
| <i>Smithfield,</i> | 1286 | 13 | 4 | |
| <i>Scituate,</i> | 675 | 10 | 0 | |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | 1003 | 12 | 0 | |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | 591 | 17 | 4 | |
| <i>Cranston,</i> | 791 | 6 | 0 | |
| <i>Johnston,</i> | 413 | 0 | 4 | |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | 289 | 10 | 0 | |
| <i>Foster,</i> | 463 | 4 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ 7122 19 8 |
| <i>Westerly,</i> | 614 | 0 | 8 | |
| <i>North-Kingstown,</i> | 937 | 2 | 8 | |
| <i>South-Kingstown,</i> | 1644 | 0 | 0 | |
| <i>Charlestown,</i> | 511 | 18 | 0 | |
| <i>Richmond,</i> | 444 | 18 | 2 | |
| <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 575 | 8 | 8 | |
| <i>Exeter,</i> | 646 | 4 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ 5373 12 2 |
| <i>Bristol,</i> | 420 | 1 | 10 | |
| <i>Warren,</i> | 254 | 2 | 4 | |
| <i>Barrington,</i> | 197 | 9 | 10 | |
| | | | | £ 871 14 0 |
| <i>Warwick,</i> | 1112 | 10 | 0 | |
| <i>East-Greenwich,</i> | 512 | 1 | 8 | |
| <i>West-Greenwich,</i> | 458 | 1 | 2 | |
| <i>Coventry,</i> | 629 | 16 | 8 | |
| | | | | £ 2712 9 6 |
| | | | | £ 20,000 0 0 |

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of the said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof, as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum in which they shall be deficient, until the same be paid : That each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer : That the Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns be, and they are hereby empowered and directed, to collect the Interest with the Principal from the delinquent Individuals, after the aforesaid Time ; and that, in case any Execution shall be issued from the General-Treasurer against the Treasurers of any delinquent Towns, the Collectors be, and they are hereby empowered and directed, to collect from the individual Delinquents all the Costs and Expences which shall accrue thereon, in Proportion to the Sums due from such Delinquents respectively.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which

which they respectively belong, on or before the Twentieth Day of April next, who is hereby directed and required to send a Copy thereof within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same to the General-Treasurer; and that the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed and required, to issue his Warrant within Four Days to the several Town-Treasurers, to be by them delivered to the several Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting, its Part of the aforesaid Tax: And that upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, collect, and pay into the General-Treasury, their Proportion of the said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such Town, for its Proportion or Deficiency of the said Tax, which Execution shall be returnable in Ten Days after the Date thereof.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond and Security, that shall be by him taken from the Collectors of the said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Bond and Security shall be so taken; which Special Court shall be convened in the usual Manner, have the same Power as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State, and take the same Fees: And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this State be, and they are hereby required, to send the Names of the Town-Treasurers and Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time they shall send a Copy of the Rate-List.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors of Taxes be, and they are hereby empowered, to consider the Circumstances of the Poor in their respective Towns, and exempt such from the Poll-Tax as they shall think unable to pay the same.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Towns be, and they are hereby empowered, to make Choice of new Assessors and Collectors, for assessing and collecting the said Tax.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Twenty Thousand Pounds, when collected and paid into the General-Treasury, be appropriated to the Payment of the Treasurer's Notes of this State.

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AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town: And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twenty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Daniel Shearman, jun. One of the Overseers of the Poor for the Town of South-Kingstown; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for boarding and cloathing Mingo Rodman, a Negro Man, late a Soldier in the Continental Service, from November Twenty-one, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, to October Nine, Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six. D. Shearman, jun. allowed £28 9s.

WHEREAS it is represented unto this Assembly, that divers Persons, not Inhabitants of this State, have, from a Misapprehension of the Law, lodged Money in the Hands of several of the Justices of the Courts, in Payment of their Creditors: And whereas by the evident Meaning and Purport of the Act passed in May last, for the emitting of One Hundred Thousand Pounds, any Person living out of this State could not agreeably to the said Act make any Tender of the said Money; it being expressly required by the said Act that the Money tendered should be lodged in the Hands of a Judge living in the same County where the said Debtor should live: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That any Justice or Justices, who have received as a Tender any Sum of Money from a Debtor living out of this State, at the Time such Money was tendered, may return the same to such Debtor. Justices to return Money tendered by Persons living out of the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Four Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six Pence, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. William Carpenter; it being in full of a Note in his Possession, given for One Hundred Dollars, by Virtue of a Resolution of the Council of War, of March Eleventh, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine, together with Compound Interest thereon, agreeable to the Report of the Auditor. W. Carpenter allowed £4 14s 6d.

THE following Report was presented unto this Assembly, to wit: Report of the Committee upon the State Debts.

WHEREAS the Subscribers were by the Honorable General Assembly of said State, at their Session held at Providence, in October last, appointed a Committee to enquire into the State of the Debts due from this State to all Persons whosoever; and in what Manner, and for what Considerations the same originated; and to report the Facts and the Remedies proper to be applied to the Evils that might be

be investigated, if any, to the next Session of Assembly. Therefore, having met at *Newport*, and inspected into the Amount of the Debts due from this State to all Persons whosoever, and also how the same originated, and having investigated some Evils, do report,

THAT there hath been issued by the General-Treasurer One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Notes for consolidated State-Money, amounting to *Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred and One Pounds Ten Shillings and Three Pence*: One Hundred and Twenty-four Notes issued by particular Acts of Assembly, amounting to *Fourteen Thousand and Ninety-two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eleven Pence Halfpenny*: One Hundred and Thirty-seven Notes issued to Soldiers for the Depreciation of their Wages, who enlisted for Three Years, amounting to *Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Pounds Six Shillings and Three Farthings*: Eighty-two Notes issued for *Charles Holden's* Certificates and funded Money, amounting to *Six Thousand and Seventy-seven Pounds Three Shillings and Six Pence Halfpenny*: Three Hundred and Forty-one Notes issued to the Soldiers of the *Rhode-Island* Regiment, amounting to *Eleven Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Pounds and Ten Pence*: Five Hundred and Sixty-six Notes issued for the Redemption of the *Six per Cent.* Notes (which Notes have undergone the Operation of the Scale) amounting to *Fifty Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds Three Shillings and One Penny Three Farthings*: Eighty-two Notes issued to the Creditors of the Absentees' Estates, amounting to *Five Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six Pence*.

UPON the Notes which were issued for the Redemption of the *Six per Cent.* Notes, we beg Leave to observe, that although they were not made a Tender in Law, yet they were issued in the Time of the late War, and were when issued, as we apprehend, worth no more than Paper-Money, which did depreciate, and large Sums perished in the Hands of the Possessors; and we are of Opinion, that it is a hard Lot for the greater Part of the Inhabitants to suffer the whole Loss on their Part, and be obliged to make good the Depreciation to others, when the whole originated from one common Cause in which all were embarked.

AND that, on the Twenty-fourth Day of *March, Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-two, Two Thousand Four Hundred and Sixteen Notes were issued by the General-Treasurer, amounting to *Forty-six Thousand and Seventy-one Pounds Four Shillings and Six Pence*, for the Redemption of *Four per Cent.* Notes, which were issued by an Act of the General Assembly, in *February* and *March, Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-seven, and made a lawful Tender, in the same Manner as the States' Money, and were in Fact of no more Value than the same Amount in the Continental Currency: But notwithstanding which, these Notes were consolidated by the Scale of Depreciation, back to the Time they were finished issuing, it being the Twenty-fourth Day of *March, Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and

and Seventy-seven. When in our Opinion they ought to have been reduced by the Scale of Depretiation, at the Time the Continental Bills ceased to be a Currency, for the following obvious Reason, *to wit* :

THESE Notes were originally received out of the General-Treasury the same as Continental Bills, and passed the same as such Bills, exclusive of the Interest ; therefore it is our Opinion that the Notes which were issued by the General-Treasurer in Lieu of the Four *per Cent.* Notes, ought to be reduced to the depreiated State of *Forty Shillings* of said Notes to be only equal to *One Shilling*. All which is submitted to the Honorable General Assembly, by their humble Servants,

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| OLIVER DURFEE, | } Committee. |
| JOHN SAYLES, | |
| JONATHAN J. HAZARD, | |
| THOMAS JOSLIN, | |

Newport, March 1st, 1787.

UPON which the following Votes passed, *to wit* :

IN the Lower House. *March* Sixteenth, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, *Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be received, and the Consideration thereof referred to the next Session of Assembly ; and that the Secretary send a printed Copy thereof to each Town-Clerk within this State as soon as may be after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by them communicated to the Freemen of the respective Towns at the annual Town-Meeting in *April* next, in order that Instructions may be given to the Deputies of the several Towns by the Freemen thereof respecting the same ; which Instructions are to be presented by the said Deputies, to the Assembly at the next Session, on the Second Day thereof.

IN the Upper House. Read, *March* Seventeenth, and concurred with this Addition, That whereas some of the Holders of the Four *per Cent.* Notes became possessed of the same by delivering to the State or Individuals the full Value of the same Notes as they were when issued, and it would be manifest Injustice to deprive them of what is justly their due : Therefore, that a Committee of Three good, judicious, disinterested Persons be appointed, that all the Holders of said Notes may make it appear before them, when and how they became possessed of such Notes, and at what Rate or Value they received the same : Which Proof to be made by some Evidence other than their own Oath ; and that said Committee reduce them to such Value as they were when the Holders became possessed of the same, by consolidating them to the Value which the Holder received them at, and affixing the Value on the Back of each Note, which shall be a Rule for the General-Treasurer to discharge the same by.

IN the Lower House. Read the same Day and concurred.

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WHEREAS

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Skefuck pro-
hibited sell-
ing Land.

WHEREAS *Joseph Cuzzens* and *James Wampy*, Two of the *Indian Council* of the *Narragansett Tribe of Indians*, have represented unto this Assembly, that *John Skefuck* and *Daniel Skefuck*, Two of the said Tribe, heretofore petitioned this Assembly for Liberty of selling about Forty Acres of Land lying in *Charlestown*, bounded Easterly on *Benjamin Hoxsie's* Land, Southerly, partly on *Thomas Wilbour's* Land, and partly on *Daniel Stanton's* Land, Westerly and Northerly, on *Isaac Saunder's* Land, and also represented, that the said Land did belong to them, and that they were about removing into the Western Territory: That thereupon the Assembly supposing the Facts to be true, did pass an Act, and empowered them to dispose of the same under the Direction of *Joseph Hoxsie, Esq*; That the same is now notified for Sale, when in Fact the said *John Skefuck* and *Daniel Skefuck*, had no other Right to the said Land than the rest of the said Tribe: And that if the said Land be sold and the said *John Skefuck* and *Daniel Skefuck* remove off, they will leave behind them a Number of their Sisters who are poor, and the said Tribe will be unable to maintain them: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly (as the *Indian Council* were not notified of the said Petition) that the Sale of the said Land may be prohibited until a full and fair Enquiry can be made, whether it will be reasonable and adviseable to suffer the said Land to be sold under the Circumstances attending the same:

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sale of the said Land be prohibited: That the said *John Skefuck* and *Daniel Skefuck*, and all others concerned, appear at this Assembly at the next Session, to be heard upon the Premises; and that in the mean Time all further Proceedings be stayed.

T. Rumreill
to send to the
Treasury-
Board, &c.

A LETTER of the Twelfth of *February*, from *William Ellery, Esq*; Commissioner of the Loan-Office in this State being read and duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Thomas Rumreill, Esq*; be, and he is hereby appointed, to make out and transmit to the Honorable the Commissioners of the Treasury of the United States, as soon as may be, an Account of such Payments as have been made, and such Certificates as have been issued to the military Invalids within this State, together with the Returns or Vouchers supporting the same; in order that this State may have Credit therefor in the Books of the Treasury of the United States.

Act for more
equal Repre-
sentation re-
ferred.

It is Voted and Resolved, That a Copy of the Bill, entitled "An Act for a more equal Representation of this State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, in General Assembly," be transmitted by the Secretary, on or before the Second *Wednesday* in *April* next, to each Town-Clerk within this State, who are respectively to lay the same before the Freemen of their several Towns, at their annual Town-Meetings, on the Third *Wednesday* of the same *April*, in Order that the Senie of the said Freemen may be taken thereon, and by Instructions to their Deputies, communicated to the next Session of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS the Town-Council of the Town of *North-Kingstown* Town-Council preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, That this Assembly, at the Session in *December, Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one, granted *Ten Pounds per Year*, for the Support of *Margaret Boone*, Wife of *Samuel Boone*, junior, late of said *North-Kingstown*, an Absentee, out of the Estate of *Samuel Boone*, senior, which was confiscated to and for the Use of this State: That the said Grant was continued till *March* Twenty-fifth, *Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six; and that the said *Margaret Boone* still continues in a helpless and distressed Situation: And thereupon the said Town-Council prayed this Assembly that the said Grant of *Ten Pounds* may be continued up to the Twenty-fifth of *March, Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven: North-Kingstown allowed £. 10 for M. Boone.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Town-Council, in their said Petition contained, be, and the same is hereby granted: And that the said Sum of *Ten Pounds*, lawful Money, be paid to the Orders of the said Town-Council, for the said Purpose, out of the General-Treasury.



An ACT to prevent Bribery and Corruption, in the Election of public Officers in this State.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That no Person whosoever shall vote at the Election of any Governor, Deputy-Governor, Assistant, or any other General Officer, or for any Deputy to serve in the General Assembly, as a Representative of any Town in this State, or for any other Officer whatsoever, except he shall at the Time of his being admitted free, or before the Time of his voting, take the following Oath or Affirmation, to be administered by the Moderator, *to wit*: Act to prevent Bribery and Corruption.

“You *A. B.* do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you have not since the Passing of this Act, nor will not during the Continuance of the same, give or promise any Money, or other Thing or Reward, or receive any Money or Promise, or other Thing, by which you may expect any Money or future Reward, at the Election of any Officer to be chosen in this State; and that you will not in any Manner impede or obstruct any Person from voting candidly, nor bargain or contract with any Person, directly or indirectly, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Oath (or Affirmation;) and this Declaration you make without any Evasion, Equivocation, or mental Reservation whatsoever.”

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person, who shall be prosecuted for any of the Crimes aforesaid, shall refuse to purge himself by his Oath, or solemn Affirmation, he shall

shall be adjudged guilty, and Sentence shall be given against him accordingly; and in all Trials which shall be hereafter had for Bribery, as is expressed in this Act, the Person who gave the Bribe, or Promise of Reward, may be sworn a Witness against him who is prosecuted for receiving the same; and in like Manner the Person receiving the Bribe, or Promise of Reward, may be sworn a Witness against him who is prosecuted for giving the same; and such Person's Oath shall be legal Evidence for the Conviction of such Offender.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall be legally convicted of giving or promising to give any Money or other Thing or Reward, or receive any Money or other Thing or Reward whatever, in any Manner as above described in this Act, before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in the County where the Offence shall be committed, then such Offender shall suffer the same Pains and Penalties as in the Case of wilful Perjury; and shall also forever thereafter be excluded from being a Freeman, or voting or bearing any public Office whatsoever in this State; and shall forever be rendered incapable of giving Evidence in any Court of Justice.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerk in each respective Town in this State shall keep an exact List of all such Persons as shall be qualified and admitted as aforesaid, and send a Copy thereof to the General Election annually.

AND that all Persons who shall be Candidates for the Office of Governor, Deputy-Governor, Assistant, or Deputy, to represent any Town in this State, may be discouraged from using any corrupt or unlawful Method to obtain the same, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Bribery or unlawful Method be used at the electing or choosing of any such Officer, by which any Vote or Votes be unlawfully obtained by such Candidate's Procurement, Knowledge or Consent, upon due Proof made of the same by Two or more credible Witnesses before the General Assembly, where such Officer shall appear as a Member, the Election of such Officer, whether Governor, Deputy-Governor, Assistant, Secretary, General-Treasurer, Attorney-General, Delegate, or Deputy, shall be declared utterly null and void; and the General Assembly shall choose One in his Stead, if a General Officer, who shall be so unlawfully elected; and if a Deputy, the Town he represents shall choose One in his Stead.

AND be it further Enacted, That the Secretary immediately cause this Act to be printed, and sent to each Town-Clerk within this State, previously to the annual Meeting for proxying for General Officers.



An ACT for the Re-payment of any Advances made by any Town within this State which shall support any of the Invalids, who are entitled to the Benefits of an Ordinance of Congress, passed in *June, Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five.

WHEREAS many of the Invalids within this State, who are entitled to the Benefits of an Ordinance of Congress, passed in *June, Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, have Families, and others who from their mutilated State and Inability of Body, are unable without great Fatigue to travel to the General-Treasurer's Office to get their monthly Allowance, as ordered by this State; and as it may happen, that it will not only be beneficial to the Invalid, but may facilitate the Town in which such Invalid may reside to pay their Proportion of the Continental Taxes, which the Congress by Requisition may require of this State for the Support of the Federal Government, by supplying such Invalid with specific Articles:

AA for the Re-payment of such Towns as supply Invalids.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That if any Town, or Town-Council belonging to such Town, shall supply any Invalid, who is entitled to the Benefits of an Ordinance of Congress, passed in *June, Anno Domini*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-five, and who hath been enrolled in this State, and received a Certificate of what he is entitled to for his monthly Allowance, with any of the following Articles at the Prices herein affixed, *to wit*: Salted Pork, at *Six Pence per Pound*, fresh Beef, Mutton or Veal, at *Three Pence Half-penny per Pound*, Indian-Corn, at *Three Shillings and Six Pence per Bushel*, Rye, at *Four Shillings per Bushel*, or any other Articles, being the Necessaries or Conveniences of Life, and shall thereupon take of such Invalid a Receipt to the Amount of what he shall receive for his Support, the same shall be allowed and credited to such Town, for so much as received, in Part of their Proportion of such Tax which may be required by Requisition of Congress; provided the same Supplies shall not exceed the Sums due to the Invalid who shall be supplied therewith.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Four Shillings, law-*7. Joslin*, ful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *allowed £7* Mr. *Thomas Joslin*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Services as One of the Committee for inspecting in- to the State's Debt.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Four Shillings, law-*7. J. Hazard* ful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to *allowed £7* Jonathan J. Hazard, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by *46* him

him presented, for his Services as One of the Committee to inspect into the Debts of the State.

O. Durfee allowed £2 5s. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Five Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Oliver Durfee, Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for his Services as one of the Committee to inspect into the Debts of the State.*

E. Tefft allowed £2 14s. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. Ebenezer Tefft; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for sweeping and landing the State-House, and for his Attendance on this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.*

W. Little allowed £1 12s 7d. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Twelve Shillings and Seven Pence, lawful Money, be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, to Mr. William Little, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Washington, for the Maintenance of Thomas Murfey, a poor Prisoner, committed at the Suit of the State.*

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in the Town of Providence, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs, of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly be, and the same is hereby adjourned to the Tuesday next preceeding the First Wednesday in May next, then to meet at the State-House in Newport; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is dissolved.*

GOD save the United States of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Hewitt



May, 1787.

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, and in the Eleventh Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

JOHN MATHEWSON, Esq;

JOSEPH STANTON, jun. Esq;

JOHN WILLIAMS, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

WILLIAM HAMMOND, Esq;

GIDEON CLARK, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

OLIVER DUFFEE, Esq;

} Assistants.

T H E S E C R E T A R Y.

D E P U T I E S

D E P U T I E S from the several T O W N S.

NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Henry Marchant, *Esq*;
 George Champlin, *Esq*;
 John Topham, *Esq*;
 Mr. Daniel Mafon,
 Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE :

John Brown, *Esq*;
 Welcome Arnold, *Esq*;
 Benjamin Bourne, *Esq*;
 Joseph Nightingale, *Esq*;

PORTSMOUTH :

Elijah Cobb, *Esq*;
 Mr. Burrington Anthony,
 Benjamin Hall, *Esq*;
 Mr. Benjamin Brownell.

WARWICK :

Othniel Gorton, *Esq*;
 Mr. Gideon Arnold,
 Mr. Jonathan Gorton,
 Mr. Anthony Holden.

WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;
 Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Edward Hull,
 Mr. Ray Sands.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

James Congdon, *Esq*;
 Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq*;
 John Gardner, *Esq*;

EAST-GREENWICH :

Joseph Fry, *Esq*;
 Job Comstock, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Gardner,
 Mr. John Franklin.

SMITHFIELD :

John Sayles, *Esq*;
 Andrew Waterman, *Esq*;

SCITUATE :

Mr. Nathan Bates,
 Thomas Mowry, *Esq*;

GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Seth Hunt,
 Stephen Winfor, *Esq*;

CHARLESTOWN :

Mr. Thomas Hoxsie,

Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Jolin, *Esq*;
 Mr. William Mathewson.

COVENTRY :

William Burlingame, *Esq*;
 Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.

EXETER :

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
 Mr. Job Wilcox, *jun*.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Thomas Coggeshall,
 Mr. Joseph Coggeshall.

BRISTOL :

William Bradford, *Esq*;
 Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Benjamin Howland,
 Mr. Thomas Durfee.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. George Simmons,
 Nathaniel Searle, *Esq*;

WARREN :

Cromel Child, *Esq*;
 Mr. Smith Bowen.

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. John Lapham,
 Mr. Stephen Whipple.

RICHMOND :

Mr. James Sheldon,
 Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

Mr. George Waterman,
 Nehemiah Knight, *Esq*;

HOPKINTON :

Abel Tanner, *Esq*;
 Thomas Wells (2d) *Esq*;

JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap, *Esq*;
 Andrew Harris, *Esq*;

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Mr. Edward Smith,
 Thomas Olney, *Esq*;

BARRINGTON :

Mr. Vial Allen,
 Mr. Joshua Bicknall.

FOSTER :

John Westcott, *Esq*;
 Mr. Christopher Colwell,

The Honorable OTHNIEL GORTON, *Esq*; was chosen Speaker, and
 JOHN S. DEXTER, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

ROWSE J. HELME, *Esq*; was appointed and acted as Clerk of the
 Lower House, *pro Tempore*.

THIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers, both ^{Officers} Civil and Military, in and throughout the State, for the ensuing Year, the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit* :

His Excellency *John Collins*, Esq; Governor. Engaged.

The Honorable *Daniel Owen*, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

William Waterman, Esq; First Assistant.

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.

John Williams, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.

Elisba Bartlet, Esq; Fourth Assistant.

James Arnold, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.

William Congdon, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.

Caleb Gardner, Esq; Seventh Assistant. Engaged.

Thomas G. Hazard, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.

John Cooke, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.

Oliver Durfee, Esq; Tenth Assistant. Engaged.

Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.

Henry Goodwin, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.

Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer. Engaged.

DELEGATES to represent the State in CONGRESS.

The Honorable *Peleg Arnold*, Esq;

The Honorable *Jonathan J. Hazard*, Esq;

The Honorable *Daniel Manton*, Esq;

The Honorable *Sylvester Gardner*, Esq;

WHEREAS some of the Members of the Lower-House of Assembly did not attend the Town-Meetings at the Time they were chosen Representatives, and others from some other Cause did not take the Oath prescribed by Law, against Bribery and Corruption, in order to qualify them to vote for General Officers : And whereas some Doubts have arisen whether such Representatives are qualified to vote at the Election of Officers, without previously taking said Oath : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That each and every Representative now convened in General Assembly, who did not take said Oath or Affirmation at the Town-Meeting before the Moderator, be, and he is hereby permitted and allowed, to take the same before the Speaker of the Lower-House : And that thereupon he or they shall be qualified to vote and act to all Intents, Purposes and Constructions whatever, as though he or they had taken the same before the Moderator in Town-Meeting; any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

Members of the Lower House permitted to take the Oath against Bribery and Corruption.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee chose the following Officers, *to wit* :

Officers chosen.

John

John Mathewson, Esq; First Assistant, in the Room of *William Waterman*, Esq; who declined.

Sylvanus Sayles, Esq; Fourth Assistant, in the Room of *Elisba Bartlet*, Esq; who declined. Engaged.

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| <i>William Richmond</i> , Esq; Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> . |
| <i>Thomas Freebody</i> , Esq; Second | |
| <i>Jonathan Freeborn</i> , Esq; Third | |
| <i>Joshua Barker</i> , Esq; Fourth | |
| <i>Gideon Wanton</i> , Esq; Fifth | |

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| <i>Ebenezer Thompson</i> , Esq; Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> . |
| <i>Caleb Harris</i> , Esq; Second | |
| <i>Abraham Mathewson</i> , Esq; Third | |
| <i>John Burton</i> , jun. Esq; Fourth | |
| <i>Stephen Steere</i> , Esq; Fifth | |

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| <i>Freeman Perry</i> , Esq; Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Washington</i> . |
| <i>Sylvester Gardner</i> , Esq; Second | |
| <i>Robert Stanton</i> , Esq; Third | |
| <i>Edward Wells</i> , Esq; Fourth | |
| <i>Benjamin Hoxsie</i> , jun. Esq; Fifth | |

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| <i>Joseph Reynolds</i> , Esq; Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> . |
| <i>James Miller</i> , Esq; Second | |
| <i>Elkanah Humpbry</i> , Esq; Third | |
| <i>Jacob Saunders</i> , Esq; Fourth | |
| <i>Newby Coggeshall</i> , Esq; Fifth | |

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| <i>Stephen Potter</i> , Esq; Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> . |
| <i>Thomas Aldrich</i> , Esq; Second | |
| <i>Stephen Arnold</i> , Esq; Third | |
| <i>Gideon Waite</i> , Esq; Fourth | |
| <i>Anthony Low</i> , Esq; Fifth | |

Ambrose Page, Esq; Judge of the Court of Admiralty, within and throughout the State.

John Grelea, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur Fenner, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General-Gaol Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Nathaniel Helme, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Washington*.

Jonathan

Jonathan Russell, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Allen Fry, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Thomas Peckham, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur Fenner, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Elisba Reynolds Potter, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Washington*.

Daniel Bradford, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Benjamin Howland, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

William Davis, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

Nebemiah Knight, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*, having previously resigned his Seat in the Lower-House.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Washington*.

Shubael Kinnicut, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Jonathan Niles, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

Theodore Foster, Esq; First Assistant, in the Room of *John Mathewson*, Esq; who declined. Engaged.

Joseph Tweedy, Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Newport*.

Samuel Chace, Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

Justices of the Peace in the several Towns.

Newport :
Christopher Ellery,
Robert Taylor,
Peleg Barker, jun.
John Grelea,
John Handy,

John Thurston,
Timothy Water-
house,
William Borden,
George H. Peckham,
Esquires.

Providence :
Samuel Chace,
John Dorrance,
James Arnold,
Daniel Cooke,
Benjamin Bourne,
John

John Mawney,
William Larned,
Samuel Sampson,
Aaron Mafon,
Joseph Bowen,
Esquires.

Portsmouth :

John Shearman,
Elijah Cobb,
Gideon Dennis,
Abraham Anthony,
jun. Esquires.

Warwick :

Robert Rhodes,
James Jerauld,
Thomas Greene
(Son of Richard)
Thomas Rice (Son
of Thomas)
John Stafford,
Peleg Salisbury,
Esquires.

Westerly :

Joseph Crandall,
Simeon Burdick,
Peleg Saunders,
George Stillman,
Esquires.

North-Kingstown :

George Thomas (Son
of Samuel)
Peter Burlingame,
Jonathan Bates, jun.
Samuel Hunt,
Samuel Dyre,
William Reynolds,
Esquires.

South-Kingstown :

Caleb Tefft,
Nathaniel Gardner,
Samuel Curtis,
Nathaniel Perkins,
Daniel Shearman, jun.
Richard Gardner,
Barber Peckham,
Nathaniel Helme,
jun. Esquires.

East-Greenwich :

Job Comstock,
Benjamin Howland,
Stephen Greene,
James Sweet (Son of
Sylvester)
Robert Bailly,
Samuel Tripp,
Esquires.

Smithfield :

Gideon Comstock,
Stephen Arnold,
Stephen Brayton,
Duty Winfor,
Esquires.

Scituate :

Peleg Eisk,
John Harris,
Thomas Mowry,
Robert Knight,
Thomas Field,
Josiah Colvin,
Esquires.

Gloucester :

John Smith (Son of
Benjamin)
Jonathan Harris,
Zebedee Hopkins,
jun.
Timothy Wilmarth,
Stephen Winfor,
Nathaniel Wade,
Jesse Winfor,
John Pray,
Esquires.

Charlestown :

Peleg Crofs,
Samuel Crofs,
John Colver,
Stephen Stanton,
Esquires.

West-Greenwich :

Benjamin Johnson,
Jonathan Deane,
Sam. Hopkins, jun.
John Parker,
Abel Potter,

Levi Whitford,
Judiah Aylworth,
Esquires.

Coventry :

John Rice,
William Stone,
Isaac Johnson,
Wm. Burlingame,
Stephen Greene,
Benjamin Arnold,
Joseph Manchester,
Esquires.

Exeter :

Daniel Sunderlin,
Samuel Gorton,
Jof. Reynolds, jun.
Stephen Reynolds,
Phinchas Kinyon,
Jonathan Lilli-
bridge, Esquires.

Middletown :

Joseph Peabody,
Elisha Allen,
Parker Hall,
Esquires.

Bristol :

Daniel Bradford,
Amos Haile,
Joseph Read,
John Usher,
Esquires.

Tiverton :

Walter Cooke,
Lemuel Tabor,
Thomas Durfee,
Thomas Howland,
Esquires.

Little-Compton :

Adam Simmons,
Enos Giffard,
Thomas Palmer,
Esquires.

Warren :

Marmaduke Mafon,
John Kinnicut,
William

William Barton,
Benjamin Barton,
Esquires.

Cumberland :
John S. Dexter,
Jotham Carpenter,
Levi Ballou,
Esquires.

Richmond :
Thomas Tafft,
Simeon Clarke, jun.
James Sheldon,
George Webb,
Samuel Clarke,
Peter Clarke,
Esquires.

Cranston :
William Warner,
Joseph Potter,
John R. Arnold,
Jeriah Hawkins,
Joseph Aborn,
Holliman Potter,
Esquires.

Hopkinton :
Matthew Maxfon,
Esquire.

Johnston :
Abraham Belknap,
Andrew Harris,
Joseph Borden, jun.
Israel Angell, Esq's.

North-Providence :
William Bagley,
Hope Angell,
Caleb Jenckes,
Esquires.

Barrington :
Samuel Allen,
Solo. Townsend, jun.
Moses Tyler,
Esquires.

Foster :
John Westcott,
William Greene,
Jona. Hopkins, jun.
Daniel Howard,
Angell Sweet,
Esquires.

Joseph Tweedy, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Newport*.
John Mathewson, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*.
George Thomas (Son of *Samuel*) Esq; Collector of Impost for the
County of *Washington*.
Cromel Child, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*.
Job Comstock, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Kent*.

Mr. *John Easton*, Collector of Excise for the County of *Newport*.
Mr. *Bennett Wheeler*, Collector of Excise for the County of *Providence*.
Mr. *Bowen Card*, Collector of Excise for the County of *Washington*.
Mr. *Samuel Bosworth*, Collector of Excise for the County of *Bristol*.
Mr. *Thomas Arnold* (Son of *Benjamin*) Collector of Excise for the
County of *Kent*.

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| <i>Paul Mumford</i> , Esq; Chief | } Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of As- sise, and General Gaol-De- livery, within and through- out the State. |
| <i>William West</i> , Esq; Second | |
| <i>Stephen Potter</i> , Esq; Third | |
| <i>Walter Cooke</i> , Esq; Fourth | |
| <i>John Waite</i> , Esq; Fifth | |

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| <i>Thomas Aldrich</i> (in the Room of <i>Stephen Pot-</i> <i>ter</i> , Esq; advanced) Chief | } Justice of the Infer- rior Court of Com- mon Pleas, and Gen- eral Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> . |
| <i>Stephen Arnold</i> (in the Room of <i>Thomas Al-</i> <i>drich</i> , Esq;) Second | |
| <i>Gideon Waite</i> (in the Room of <i>Stephen Ar-</i> <i>nold</i> , Esq;) Third | |
| <i>Anthony Low</i> (in the Room of <i>Gideon Waite</i> , Esq;) Fourth | |



An ACT regulating the Appointment of Intendants, or Naval-Officers, within this State.

Act respecting the Intendants of Trade.

WHEREAS before the Revolution of this Government, when the same was dependent upon the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, the Governor, for the Time being, had the Appointment of Naval-Officers within the then Colony, for the Purpose of granting Registers, entering and clearing Vessels, and other Matters relating to Navigation, and regulating Commerce; which Business since the Revolution hath been transacted by Intendants of Trade appointed by the General Assembly: And whereas it is expedient that the Governor of this State should be clothed with such Powers as he may appear with Respectability agreeable to the Constitution of the State: And for the Purpose of granting unto said Governor, for the Time being, and to such Governors as shall be hereafter elected to the Chief Magistracy of this State, as an Appendage to said Office of Governor, or Chief Magistrate, and for and towards their decent Support, and as some Compensation for the Burthen of the said Office of Chief Magistrate, and for regulating Trade and Commerce:

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That his Excellency the Governor, for the Time being, be and he is hereby fully authorized and empowered to have the Government and Direction of all Matters and Things, relative to Trade or Commerce, the entering and clearing of Vessels, granting Registers, &c. in the same Manner and with as full Powers as the Intendants of Trade within this State heretofore had, might, ought, or could have, agreeable to the Laws of this State.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Governor, for the Time being, shall appoint within the Towns and for the Ports of *Newport, Providence, Bristol and East-Greenwich*, a Surrogate, or Deputy, under his Sign manual, to do, act and transact all and every Matter and Thing belonging, or appertaining to the Office of Intendant of Trade, or Naval-Officer; who when so appointed, shall be vested with all the Powers that the Intendants of Trade heretofore had, and shall be entitled to the same Fees and Perquisites, and be under the same Rules and Regulations, agreeably to the Laws of this State for regulating Trade and Commerce, and for entering and clearing Vessels, according to the Navigation Acts.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Governor, for the Time being, shall be answerable and liable for the Misfeasance, Non-feasance or Mal-feasance, of his Surrogates, or Deputies.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Governor, for the Time being, shall and may appoint to each and every other Port of Entry within this State a Surrogate, or Deputy, if he shall think the same necessary and expedient.

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AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Surrogates, or Deputies, shall be under the same Rules, Regulations, Laws and Government, as the Intendants of Trade heretofore were, and all Matters and Things relative to Trade, Commerce and Navigation, shall be under the Inspection of such Surrogates, or Deputies, instead of Intendants of Trade; any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.



WHEREAS from various Causes several Towns within this State have neglected to assess the Tax upon the Inhabitants, agreeable to the Act of this Assembly, for assessing *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants, passed at the Session in *March* last: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly be, and the same is hereby allowed unto each and every Town within this State, who have not already assessed the said Tax: That upon their assessing the same, and returning the Rate-List to the General-Treasurer, he issue his Warrants in the same Manner as though the said Business had been completed agreeable to the said Act: And that it be recommended to the Deputies, immediately upon their return Home, to inform the Assessors of Rates in their respective Towns of this Act.

Further Time allowed for assessing the last Tax.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Sayles*, Esq; be, and he is hereby empowered to draw *Two Hundred Pounds*, lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, and invest the same in solid Coin, or in such Produce as will answer at *New-York*, and remit the same unto the Honorable *James M. Varnum* and *Peleg Arnold*, Esquires, Delegates from this State, at *New-York*, to be paid equally to them, and to be accounted for by them in settling their Accounts.

J. Sayles, to receive Money for the Delegates.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Welcome Arnold*, Esq; be, and he hereby is appointed to examine the Files in the Secretary's Office, and see what Receipts the Keeper of the Loan-Office hath given unto this State for Continental Money on their Account; and to make Report at the next Session.

Examination to be made for Receipts from the Loan-Office.

WHEREAS many of the Trustees appointed to loan the Bills of the Emission of *May* last, have neglected to lodge the Bonds and Mortgages by them taken as Securities for the said Money, within the Time limited by this Assembly: And whereas the Credit of the said Money, as well as the Interest of the State, indispensably requires that the said Securities be lodged in the Offices of the General-Treasurer and Keeper of the Grand-Committee's Office as soon as possible; and that the Accounts of the said Trustees be settled without Delay: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said Trustees, delinquent as aforesaid, be and they are hereby required to settle their Accounts with the Keeper of the Grand-Committee's Office, and to lodge the Securities, by them received as aforesaid, on or before the First Day of the Session of this Assembly, in *June* next: And that the Bills which have not been loaned within the Time

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prescribed, heretofore by this Assembly for loaning the same be lodged in the General-Treasury, within the Time aforesaid, there to remain subject to the future Order of this Assembly.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Bonds of such Trustees as may be delinquent at the Expiration of the Time aforesaid, for settling their Accounts, and lodging the said Securities and Money, be thereupon forthwith put in Suit.

Grant to the Delegates, £ 100, each. WHEREAS this Assembly did direct that *John Sayles*, Esq; be empowered to draw *Two Hundred Pounds*, lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, and transmit the same to the Delegates in Congress; and the said *John Sayles* having absolutely refused to take the Burthen thereof: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto the Honorable *James M. Varnum* and *Peleg Arnold*, Esquires, or their Order, *One Hundred Pounds*, lawful Money, each, out of the General-Treasury, to be accounted for by them.

Officers of the United Company of Artillery, Providence. THE following Return of the Choice of Officers, to command the United Company of the Train of Artillery, in the Town of *Providence*, was read in Council, to wit:

Daniel Tillinghast, Esq; Colonel, *Levi Hall*, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel, *Robert Taylor*, Esq; Major, *Gershom Jones*, Captain, and *Joseph Burrill*, Lieutenant: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Choice be, and hereby is approved.



Act regulating the Fishery, Pawtucket.

WHEREAS a Trench or Ditch has been opened to form a Watercourse round the Westerly Side of *Pawtucket Falls*, to communicate with the River above and below the said Falls, to give a free and uninterrupted Passage to the Fish up the same; and as it is expedient that the Fishery in the said River, for the Benefit of the Citizens, should be under Regulations:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That no Person whoever shall hereafter, from the First Day of *April* to the last Day of *June* inclusive, fish within Four Rods of the said Trench or Ditch, or in the same with Nets or Lines, or any other Way, or anywise obstruct, prevent, or hinder the Fish from passing, or repassing in the said Trench, or Ditch, upon the Penalty of *Three Pounds*, lawful Money.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That any Three Justices of the Peace, in the County of *Providence*, be, and they are hereby authorized and fully empowered, to hear and try all Complaints which may be made concerning the Fishery in the said River, and to determine the same agreeable to this Act, and thereupon to award Execution: And that One-Half of all Penalties recovered, in Consequence of this Act, shall be to and for the Use

Use of the Complainer or Complainers; and the other Half, to and for the Repairs of the said Trench, or Ditch.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Time for the Holders of the Six per Cent. State Securities, applying to the General-Treasury for receiving the Quarter Part of the Amount of such Securities, be continued until the Second Day of the next Session of the General Assembly; the Time allowed by the Act passed at the last Session being so short, that many of the Inhabitants of the State had no Notice thereof: And that this Resolve be published in the *Newport and Providence News-Papers*. Time lengthened for receiving $\frac{1}{4}$ Part of the State Securities.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *George Champlin* and *Daniel Mason* be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to receive of *Robert Rogers*, Esq; late Clerk of the Superior Court for the County of *Newport*, the Money lodged in said Office, the Seal, Files of Papers, and Books of Record, and to deliver the same to *John Grelea*, Esq; the present Clerk, taking duplicate Receipts therefor, and delivering One of them to the said *Robert Rogers*. Committee to receive Papers, &c. from late Clerk Superior Court *Newport*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Joseph Fry* and *Gideon Arnold* be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to receive of *Andrew Boyd*, Esq; late Clerk of the Superior Court in the County of *Kent*, the Seal, Books of Record, and Files of Papers, belonging to the said Office, and deliver them to *Allen Fry*, Esq; the present Clerk, giving and taking Receipts. Committee to receive Papers, &c. from late Clerk Superior Court *Kent*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the late Intendants of Trade within this State deliver unto the Surrogates, or Deputies, to be appointed by his Excellency the Governor to act as Naval-Officers, the Books belonging to the respective Offices, and Papers, the said Surrogates, or Deputies, paying for the Books so delivered. Intendants to deliver Books, &c. to the Governor's Deputies.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Ebenezer Thompson* and *James Arnold* be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to receive of *Daniel Cooke*, Esq; the late Clerk of the Superior Court in the County of *Providence*, the Seal, Books of Record, and Files of Papers, belonging to the said Office, and deliver them to *Arthur Fenner*, jun. Esq; the present Clerk, giving and taking Receipts. Committee to receive Papers, &c. from late Clerk Superior Court *Providence*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *George Tefft* and *Nathaniel Helme*, jun. be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee to receive of *George Hazard Peckham*, Esq; late Clerk of the Inferior Court in the County of *Washington*, all the Files, Dockets, and Records of the said Office, and deliver the same to *Elisba Reynolds Potter*, Esq; the present Clerk, giving and taking Receipts. Committee to receive Papers, &c. from late Clerk Inferior Court *Washington*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all the military Officers in this State, who have not been re-chosen, or in whose Stead others have not been appointed, be continued in their respective Offices until the Officers continued, and Proceedings stayed.

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the next Session : And that all Proceedings be stayed, in the Cases whereon the Petitions now pending before this Assembly are founded, until the next Session.

Adjourn-
ment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs, of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned to the Second *Monday* of *June* next, then to meet at the State-House in *Newport*.

G O D save the United States of *A M E R I C A*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS,



June, 1787.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island and Providence Plantations*, begun and held by Adjournment at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Second Monday in *June*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, and in the Eleventh Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, ESQUIRE,

G O V E R N O R.

THE HONORABLE

DANIEL OWEN, ESQUIRE,

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

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| SYLVANUS SAYLES, Esq. | | |
| JAMES ARNOLD, Esq. | | |
| WILLIAM CONGDON, Esq. | | |
| CALEB GARDNER, Esq. | | |
| THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq. | | |
| JOHN COOKE, Esq. | | |
| OLIVER DURFEE, Esq. | | |

THE S E C R E T A R Y.

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DEPUTIES FROM THE SEVERAL TOWNS.

The Honorable OTHNIEL GORTON, Esq. Speaker.

NEWPORT.

George Hazard, *Esq.*
Henry Marchant, *Esq.*
George Champlin, *Esq.*
John Topham, *Esq.*
Mr. Daniel Mafon,
Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE.

John Brown, *Esq.*
Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
Benjamin Bourne, *Esq.*
Joseph Nightingale, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH.

Elijah Cobb, *Esq.*
Mr. Burrington Anthony,
Benjamin Hall, *Esq.*
Mr. Benjamin Brownell.

WARWICK.

Othniel Gorton, *Esq.*
Mr. Gideon Arnold,
Mr. Jonathan Gorton,
Mr. Anthony Holden.

WESTERLY.

Joseph Noyes, *Esq.*
Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM.

Mr. Edward Hull,
Mr. Ray Sands.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN.

James Congdon, *Esq.*
Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq.*
John Gardner, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH.

Joseph Fry, *Esq.*
Job Comstock, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN.

Mr. John Gardner,
Mr. John Franklin.

SMITHFIELD.

John Sayles, *Esq.*
Andrew Waterman, *Esq.*

SCITUATE.

Mr. Nathan Bates,
Thomas Mowry, *Esq.*

GLOUCESTER.

Mr. Seth Hunt,
Stephen Winsor, *Esq.*

CHARLESTON.

Mr. Thomas Hoxfie,

Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH.

Thomas Joslin, *Esq.*
Mr. William Matthewson.

COVENTRY.

William Burlingame, *Esq.*
Mr. Jeremiah Fenner.

EXETER.

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
Mr. Job Wilcox, *jun.*

MIDDLETOWN.

Mr. Thomas Coggeshall,
Mr. Joseph Coggeshall.

BRISTOL.

William Bradford, *Esq.*
Mr. Stephen Smith.

TIVERTON.

Mr. Benjamin Howland,
Mr. Thomas Durfee.

LITTLE-COMPTON.

Mr. George Simmons,
Nathaniel Scarle, *Esq.*

WARREN.

Cromel Child, *Esq.*
Mr. Smith Bowen.

CUMBERLAND.

Mr. John Lapham,
Mr. Stephen Whipple.

RICHMOND.

Mr. James Sheldon,
Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON.

Mr. George Waterman,
Nehemiah Knight, *Esq.*

HOPKINGTON.

Abel Tanner, *Esq.*
Thomas Wells (2d) *Esq.*

JOHNSTON.

Abraham Belknap, *Esq.*
Andrew Harris, *Esq.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE.

Mr. Edward Smith,
Thomas Olney, *Esq.*

BARRINGTON.

Mr. Vial Allen,
Mr. Joshua Bicknall.

FOSTER.

John Westcott, *Esq.*
Mr. Christopher Colwell.

ROWSE J. HELME, *Esq.* Clerk of the Lower-House.

It is *Resolved* and *Resolved*, That the Secretary deliver to *Rose J. Helme*, Esq; all the original Papers and Vouchers which he may want out of the Secretary's Office, in order to complete this State's Account against the United States : And that the said *Rose J. Helme* give a Receipt for all the original Papers and Vouchers which he shall receive of the Secretary, and proceed to finish the said Accounts as soon as possible.

Secretary to deliver R. J. Helme original Papers and Vouchers of the State.



An ACT making the House of *Daniel Bradford*, Esq; in *Bristol*, a Gaol to confine Debtors who give Bonds for their remaining true Prisoners.

Act making D. Bradford's House a Gaol in Bristol.

WHEREAS during the Course of the late War, the common Gaol in the County of *Bristol* was destroyed by the Enemy, and no Gaol hath since been built in said County, and heretofore during the Shreivalty of *Richard Smith*, Esq; his House, by Act of this Assembly and by the Consent of the said *Richard Smith*, was made a Prison for confining Prisoners for Debt : And whereas the said *Richard Smith* refuses that his House should be any longer improved for that Purpose : And whereas *Daniel Bradford*, Esq. is willing that his House should be occupied by Prisoners who are confined for Debt :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the House of *Daniel Bradford*, Esq; in *Bristol*, be and the same is hereby made a Gaol for the Time being for the confining of Debtors who shall give Bonds for the Liberties of the said Gaol.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Liberties of the said Gaol be, and the same are and shall be known to be the House and Yard of the said *Daniel Bradford*, the Yard being bounded Easterly on the Highway, Southerly, Westerly and Northerly by the Stone Wall which encloses the said Yard.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons who are to be committed to Gaol for any criminal Offence in the said County, shall be committed to the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, agreeably to the Law heretofore made for that Purpose.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons taken by Mesne Process, or in Execution, shall refuse or neglect to give Bail upon Mesne Process, or Bonds for the Liberties of the Prison in the County of *Bristol*, the Sheriff or other legal Officer who hath such Prisoner in Custody, shall and may commit him to the common Gaol in the County of *Providence* : And the Keeper of the said Gaol in the County of *Providence* is hereby directed and commanded to receive such Prisoner and him or her safely keep in the same Manner

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Manner as though committed by an Officer of the said County of Providence.



Petition respecting the Fishery in Pawtucket River referred, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition preferred unto this Assembly by divers Inhabitants of this State respecting the Fishery in Pawtucket River, praying that the Law regulating the said Fishery passed in March, A. D. 1786, may be repealed, and that the Laws regulating the said Fishery enacted in the Years 1735 and 1767 may be re-established with some Alterations in the said Petition contained, be referred to the next Session : That all Persons interested in the same be notified by publishing the same in the Providence News-Papers to appear at the said Time to shew Cause why the Prayer of the said Petition should not be granted : And that the same be done at the Expense of the Petitioners.

Lottery granted to J. Carpenter and D. Sayles.

WHEREAS Jotham Carpenter, Esq. of Cumberland, and Mr. David Sayles, of Smithfield, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that heretofore on the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Towns of Smithfield and Cumberland this Assembly granted a Lottery for raising the Sum of *One Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds*, Lawful Money, for the Purpose of repairing the Bridge across Pawtucket River, between the said Towns, near to Furnace Unity, and appointed them the Managers of the said Lottery : That in Consequence of their said Appointment they set up a Lottery to raise the said Sum and began the necessary Repairs of the said Bridge and prosecuted the same so far as to render the said Bridge passable, and until they had in the most economical Manner not only expended the said Sum of *One Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds* but had also advanced more than the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* Lawful Money toward the said Repairs : And thereupon the said Jotham Carpenter and David Sayles prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery to raise the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, to finish the Repairs of the said Bridge and to reimburse them the said Sum they are in Advance.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted : That the said Jotham Carpenter and David Sayles give Bond to the General-Treasurer in the Sum of *Five Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, for the faithful Performance of the same ; And that no Expense accrue hereon to this State.



An ACT preventing the drawing of Seines in any Part of *Providence* River, which lies to the Northward of Fox-Point, in said River ; and also that Branch of the said River, known by the Name of Seconk River ; and also to prevent the shooting at Pigeons on and near the Marshes in the Towns of *Providence* and *North-Providence*.

Act to prevent drawing Seines and shooting Pigeons near Providence.

WHEREAS the drawing of Seines in *Providence* River, North of Fox-Point, and in that Part of said River commonly known by the Name of Seconk River, or in any of the Branches of the said River to the North of said Point, as far as the Tide ebbs and flows, hath rendered the Fish in the said River very scarce : And whereas the Fish in the said River and its Branches; within the Limits aforesaid, caught with Hook and Line, heretofore have been very beneficial to the Inhabitants living in the Vicinity thereof :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That in future no Seine shall be drawn in any Part of the said River, and its Branches, within the Limits aforesaid, North of Fox-Point, as far as the Tide ebbs and flows : And that any Person or Persons, who shall after the passing of this Act draw any Seine in the said River, within the Limits aforesaid, and thereof shall be lawfully convicted, shall forfeit and pay a Fine of *Ten Pounds*, Lawful Money, to be recovered by Action or Information before any Court proper to try the same ; one Moiety thereof to him who shall sue or inform for the same, and the other Moiety to and for the Use of this State.

AND whereas it is represented to this Assembly, that the shooting at Pigeons on and near the Marshes lying in *Providence* and *North-Providence*, hath rendered the same very scarce, and that the preventing this Practice will enable the Inhabitants of the said Towns and others to take the Pigeons which frequent the said Marshes in great Plenty, to the Benefit and Advantage of many of the Inhabitants of the State, more especially to the poorer Class of the Citizens :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That no Person or Persons whosoever shall shoot at any Pigeon or Pigeons on the aforesaid Marshes or any Place within the Distance of one Mile thereof, and thereof shall be lawfully convicted, shall forfeit and pay as a Fine the Sum of *Three Pounds* Lawful Money ; to be recovered by Action or Information, before any Court of Record proper to try the same ; one Moiety of which to and for the Use of this State, and the other Moiety to him who shall sue or inform for the same.

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Further Time
allowed *Jamestown*
to collect
the last State
Tax.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of the Town of *Jamestown*, have neglected to assess, levy, collect and pay into the General-Treasury their Quota of the Tax ordered by this Assembly to be collected and paid into the said Treasury by the First Day of *June* current :

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Inhabitants of the said Town of *Jamestown* be, and they are hereby allowed until the last Day of *July* next to assess, levy, collect and pay into the General-Treasury their Proportion of the said Tax ordered as aforesaid : And that upon their paying into the General-Treasury their Quota of the same with the Interest from the First Day of *June* Instant, on or before the said last Day of *July* next, they be exonerated from all the Penalties which they have incurred in Consequence of not complying with the said Act.

Allowance to
the Delegates.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Honorable *James M. Varnum* and *Peleg Arnold*, Esquires, Two of the Delegates of this State, be and each of them is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, in Addition to the Grant made them at the last Session of this Assembly, to be accounted for by them respectively, in the Settlement of their Accounts, as Delegates.

Committee to
resurvey the
Road from
Providence to
Connecticut.

WHEREAS it appears to this Assembly that in the Year 1714, the then General-Assembly ordered the Highway leading from *Providence* to *Connecticut* over *Bennett's Brook* to be surveyed and relayed by a Committee by them appointed ; and that the said Committee pursuant to their Appointment did survey the said Highway and caused the same to be relayed by a Jury especially empanelled for that Purpose, who established the said Highway to be Four Rods wide throughout, as appears by a Plat thereof on Record : And whereas it is represented that Encroachments have been made by divers Persons on that Part of the said Highway which lies between the Forks of the Roads Westward of the Rev Mr. *Snow's Meeting-House*, and the Western Extremity of the said Highway within the Limits of the said Town of *Providence* : And whereas it appears that the regulating the aforesaid Highway hath heretofore been under the Direction of the General-Assembly :

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the said Highway be revised, and resurveyed from the Forks of the said Roads Westward of the said Meeting-House to the West Line of the said Town on said Highway : That Boundaries on each Side of the said Highway be erected agreeably to the Plat thereof on Record as aforesaid : That a Plat of such Revision and Resurvey executed pursuant to this Resolve be lodged in the Secretary's Office as Evidence of the Width and Boundaries of the said Highway within the Limits thereof as aforesaid : That *William West*, *Caleb Harris* and *Andrew Harris*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed to make the said Revision and Resurvey ; and that the same be done at the Expence of the Town of *Providence*.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *John Sayles*, Esq; presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, to wit :

Report of *J. Sayles* and he allowed £.1 16s.

To the Honorable General Assembly now sitting.

I the Subscriber being appointed to receive of *Jonathan J. Hazard*, Esquire, *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money, and dispose of the same to the best Advantage and deliver the Proceeds thereof to *Peleg Arnold*, Esq; do Report that I have done the same, and have received the said *Peleg Arnold's* Receipt for the Sum of *Eigty-three and Two-Thirds Silver Dollars*.

John Sayles.

STATE of *Rhode-Island*, &c.—Dr.

To my Time, Horse-Hire, and Expences, Four Days,
at 9s.

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WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : And that the said Sum of *Thirty-six Shillings* Lawful Money be paid to the said *John Sayles* out of the General-Treasury for his said Services.

WHEREAS Mr. *James Sheldon*, One of the Committee for Loaning the Money for the Town of *Richmond* hath represented to this Assembly, that the said Committee hath loaned *Eighteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, more than they received and taken Security thereon agreeable to the Act of this Assembly :

J. Sheldon allowed £.18 i Case.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That upon the said Committee's lodging the Deed and Bonds for paying *Eighteen Pounds* in the Grand Committee's Office, that the said *James Sheldon* be empowered to receive the said Sum of *Eighteen Pounds* out of the unloaned Money which has been returned into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Samuel Gardiner* of *Exeter*, in the County of *Washington*, Yeoman, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that at a Superior Court held at *East-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, he was indicted for aiding and assisting in burning a Barn belonging to *Othniel Gorton*, Esq. and some Hay belonging to *Rufus Spencer*, Esq. that at the said Court held in *April*, A. D. 1782, he was convicted and sentenced to receive corporal Punishment, whereby a great Stigma was cast upon him : That his conduct before and since hath evinced to the People at large that he has ever led a sober Life, and is an industrious Man : That he labours under a very great Disadvantage in having the said Judgment of Court now standing in full Force against him : And that many Members of this Assembly and other worthy Characters can testify that his Conduct as a good Citizen and an industrious honest Man cannot be gainfayed : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly for Relief.

S. Gardiner restored to his Privileges.

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AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Samuel Gardiner* be, and he is hereby fully and amply restored to all the Rights, Privileges and Immunities of a free Citizen of this State, in the same Manner as though no such Conviction and Sentence had been had against him.

Acts granting Bounty on Sheep, Flax and Hemp repealed. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Acts of this Assembly granting a Bounty on Sheep, Flax and Hemp, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Petition respecting Slave Trade referred *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of the religious Society called Quakers preferred unto this Assembly respecting the Slave Trade be, and the same is hereby received and referred unto the next Session of this Assembly for further Consideration.

Officers chosen BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, chose the following Officers, to wit :

James Mitchel Varnum, Esq. Major-General of the Militia in and throughout the State.

John Malbone, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Siméon Thayer, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Thomas Holden, Esq. Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Daniel Rogers, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

John Whipple, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

John Gavet, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

David Barton, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Allen Johnson, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia, in the County of *Kent*.

Benjamin Howland, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

William

William Aldrich, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Beriah Wait, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Archibald Kaffon, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Joseph Knight, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Thomas Potter, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Stephen Winsor, Esq. Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Benjamin Brownell, Esq. Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

George Waterman, Esq. Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

George Stillman, Esq. Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Joseph Reynolds, jun. Esq. Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

James Arnold (Son of *James*) Esq. Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

John Davis, Esq. Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Joel Aldrich, Esq. Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

James Gardner, Esq. Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Caleb Greene, jun. Esq. Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Nehemiah Angell, Esq. Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Samuel J. Potter, Esq. Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

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Samuel

Samuel Mayes, Esq. Major of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of Providence.

Time for taking Quarter of 6 per Cent. Notes prolonged.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons who have not taken out of the General-Treasury of this State, One Fourth Part of the Six per Cent. Notes which they may have in their Possession, shall have the Privilege and Benefit of taking out the same at any Time hereafter until the Expiration of the Sixteenth Instant, any Law of this State to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Further Time allowed for the Payment of the State Tax.

It is Voted and Resolved, That each and every Town within this State which hath not assessed, levied, collected and paid into the General-Treasury its Quota of the Tax ordered to be assessed, levied, collected and paid into the General-Treasury, by the First Day of June current, be, and hereby is allowed a further Time until the last Day of July next following to assess, levy, collect and pay into the said Treasury its Quota thereof. That the delinquent Towns pay Interest for the Deficiency from and after the said First Day of June instant, at and after the Rate of Six per Centum per Annum; that each and every Town upon paying its Proportion as aforesaid shall be exonerated from the Penalties they have already incurred: And that if any of the said Towns shall neglect to pay in their full Quota by the Time aforesaid together with the Interest, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed immediately after to issue his Warrant for collecting the same by Distraint.

Report on S. Segar's Petition.

WHEREAS *Samuel Segar*, of *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *Washington*, Yeoman, preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, setting forth that the said *Samuel Segar* was sued by the Sheriff of the said County as Bondsman to *Paris Gardner*, One of the said Sheriff's Deputies on Account that the said *Paris Gardner* had the Collection of the Money due from those Classes who neglected to raise a Recruit agreeably to the Act of Assembly: That Judgment was recovered against the said *Paris Gardner* and the Petitioner for a large Sum of Money: That on the Execution's being returnable upon said Judgment the Petitioner and the said *Paris Gardner* were committed to Gaol and came out upon Thirty per Cent. Bonds, that Judgment has been obtained against them on the said Bonds for the Debt and Cost with the additional Interest of Thirty per Cent. That considerable of the Money to be collected by the said *Paris Gardner* was assessed on the Point-Farm belonging to the State, and that many of the others on whom the said Money was assessed are unable to pay, or are dead and have left no Estates: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to direct that the Sum assessed on the said Point-Farm may be deducted out of the original Judgment, and that upon his paying the Balance within One Month from this Time the Thirty per Cent. may be released. And whereas Messieurs *John Gardiner*, *Ray Sands* and *John Sayles*, who were appointed a Committee to enquire into the Subject Matter of the said Petition presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

WE

WE the Subscribers being appointed by the Honorable General-Assembly to examine into the Subject Matter of this Petition and to report on the Facts therein contained beg Leave to report, that in our Opinion we think the Money assessed upon the Point-Farm belonging then to the State, including the Interest, amounting to *Thirty-six Pounds Nine Shillings and One Penny* ought to be deducted from the Sum recovered, which will leave a Balance of *Five Hundred and Ninety-three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten Pence Half Penny* due to the State exclusive of the Thirty per Cent. Damages : And that Col. *Samuel Segar* is an innocent Sufferer in this Matter and must pay the same. We are therefore of Opinion that the said Thirty per Cent. be released unto him, and that upon his paying said Sum of *Five Hundred and Ninety-three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten Pence Half Penny* into the General-Treasury, agreeably to his Petition, he be discharged from the Debt.

John Gardiner,
Ray Sands,
John Sayles.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the said Report be accepted : And that upon the said *Samuel Segar's* paying within one Month from this Time the said Sum of *Five Hundred and Ninety-three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten Pence Halfpenny*, Lawful Money, into the General-Treasury, that he be discharged and exonerated from the Debt.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Rev. Doctor *James Manning*, one of the late Delegates of this State to Congress, be, and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, and that he account for the same in the Settlement of his Account for his Delegation.

Grant to *J. Manning* £.400

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty-eight Pounds Eighteen Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Solomon Southwick*, it being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited for printing done for the State, agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited the same.

S. Southwick allowed £.38 18s.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Kent* be, and he is hereby empowered and directed, under the Direction and Inspection of *Joseph Fry* and *Job Comstock*, Esquires, to make the necessary Repairs upon the Goal-House in *East-Greenwich* ; and that he repair one Room or Ward in such Manner as may be proper to retain Criminals in.

Kent Gaol to be repaired.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Seven Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *John Sayles*, Esq. it being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited for his Service, Horse Hire and Expences as One of the Committee to inspect into the State's Debt.

J. Sayles allowed £.7 4s.

Loan-Officers
Receipts for
old Continen-
tal Money to
be sent to Treas-
ury-Board.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to inclose to the Continental Treasury-Board, a Copy of a Receipt given by *Joseph Clarke, Esq.* Commissioner of the Loan-Office, dated *September 28th, 1781*, acknowledging the Receipt of *Two Millions One Hundred and Fifty-one Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-five and Two Thirds Dollars*, that this State may be credited for the same.

J. Briggs an
Invalid enroll-
ed.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to enroll on the List of Invalids, *Jacob Briggs*, late a Soldier in this State's Continental Battalion, who was disabled in the Service of the United States, and that the said *Jacob Briggs* receive his Monthly Pay out of the General-Treasury.

J. Chappell an
Invalid allow-
ed £. 117 12s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *James Chappell* an enrolled Invalid, for the Arrearages of his Pension.

N. Miller al-
lowed £. 300

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Nathan Miller, Esq.* a Delegate from this State in Congress be, and he is hereby empowered to draw *Three Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, and that he account for the same in settling the Accounts of his Delegation.

H. Van Noor-
don naturaliz-
ed

WHEREAS Mr. *Hadrianus Van Noorden*, of the City of *Rotterdam*, in the Province of *Holland*, in the United Netherlands, presented a Petition and represented to this Assembly, that he is now and for a considerable Time past hath been a Resident in *Newport* in this State, that he is a Native and Citizen of the aforesaid Province of *Holland*, and that he is desirous of living in and becoming a Citizen of this State and of enjoying all the Advantages derived thereby from the Federal Union of the United States of *America*: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly that he may be admitted a Citizen of this State and entitled to all the Rights, Liberties, Privileges and Immunities thereof: On due Consideration whereof,

BE it Enacted by this General-Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted: And that the said *Hadrianus Van Noorden* be, and he is hereby naturalized and admitted and declared a Citizen of this State and entitled to all the Rights, Liberties, Privileges and Immunities thereof as fully and amply as if he had been a Native of this State, upon his taking the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to this State, and afterwards, to wit: On the Sixteenth Day of the Month of *June* aforesaid, the said *Hadrianus Van Noorden* appeared before his Excellency the Governor, and the Honorable the Upper House of Assembly and took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity prescribed by the foregoing Act.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Job Comstock* and *Andrew Harris*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following State of the Account of *Jabez Bowen* and *Samuel Ward*, Esquires, and Report thereon, to wit :

Report upon
the Account
of *J. Bowen*
and *S. Ward*.

Dr. State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Jabez Bowen* and *Samuel Ward*, Creditor.

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| To 18 Days Time of each as Commission- ers to the Convention to have been held at <i>Annapolis</i> in <i>September</i> 1786, at 24 ^s . per Day, £.43 4 0 | By 800 Dollars Facilities received from the Ge- neral-Treasurer, and disposed of as follows, to wit : |
| Balance due to the State in Silver Money, 2 16 9 | 300 Dollars sold in <i>New-York</i> , at 5 ^s . £.22 10 0 |
| £.46 0 9 | 300 at <i>Philadelphia</i> , at 5 ^s 4 ^d . £.24 0 0 |
| | 46 10 0 |
| | Broker's Commission .1 per Cent. 0 9 3 |
| | £.46 0 9 |

ACCORDING to our Appointment we have settled the above Account and find due to this State Two Hundred Dollars in Facilities and Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Nine Pence Lawful Silver Money : All which is submitted by us.

Job Comstock,
Andrew Harris.

AND the said Report being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be accepted : That the said *Jabez Bowen* and *Samuel Ward* be, and they are hereby directed to pay into the General-Treasury the said Sums of Two Hundred Dollars in Facilities, and Two Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Nine Pence Silver Money, agreeably to the said Report.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to pay off One Quarter Part of all the Public Securities, except those which were given for the Four per Cent. Notes, as the Holders shall bring them in, and endorse the same on the said Securities, whether the First Quarter Part is paid or not : This being the Second Payment towards discharging the Public Debt.

One Quarter
Part of State
Securities to
be paid.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Fourteen Pounds Seventeen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *James Bliven*, the same being in full of an Account by him exhibited for his Attendance on the Committee who signed the Money emitted in May 1786.

J. Bliven al-
lowed £.14
17^s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; be, and he is hereby empowered to draw Sixty Pounds Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, towards defraying his Expences in making out this

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Roussé J. Helms State's Account against the United States. and that he account for the
to draw £.60 same.

Petitioners
who have pre-
ferred Petitions
to give Bond,
&c.

WHEREAS several Petitioners whose Petitions have been received by this Assembly, have neglected to give Bonds for prosecution of the same, and in other Cases where Bonds have been given and Citations taken out, by some Means or other said Citations have not been served,

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That all the Petitioners whose Petitions have been received who have neglected to give Bonds within Ten Days after the Rising of the Assembly at which the same were received, and those whose Citations have not been served, be and they are hereby empowered to give Bonds and take out Citations in the same Manner as though received at the present Session of this Assembly.

T. Melvill allowed £.9 *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Nine Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Thomas Melvill*, it being in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited for cleaning the State-House and attending this General Assembly as a Waiter at the last and the present Session.

T. Tew allowed £.9 *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Nine Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Thomas Tew*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the last and at the present Session as a Waiter.

J. Richards allowed £.9 *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Nine Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *John Richards*, in full Satisfaction of an Account by him exhibited for cleaning the State-House, and for his Attendance on this Assembly at the last and the present Session, as a Waiter.

J. Bliven allowed £.9 *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That Nine Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *James Bliven*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the last and at the present Session, as a Waiter.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed by Beat of Drum in the Town of *Newport* within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned until the Third Monday of *August* next, then to convene at the State-House in *Bristol*, in the County of *Bristol*.

GOD save the United States of AMERICA!

A true Copy, duly examined :

W I T N E S S,

Henry Ward Searcy

At the General Affembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden, in Consequence of Warrants issued by his Excellency the Governor, at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on *Monday* the Tenth Day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, and in the Twelfth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

His EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, Esquire,
G O V E R N O R.

The HONOURABLE

Daniel Owen, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

THEODORE FOSTER, Esq;
JOSEPH STANTON, jun. Esq;
JOHN WILLIAMS, Esq;
JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
WILLIAM CONGDON, Esq;
CALEB GARDNER, Esq;
THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;
JOHN COOKE, Esq;
OLIVER DUFFEE, Esq;

Assistants.

HENRY SHERBURNE, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

D E U T Y E S

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honourable OTHNIEL GORTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq;*
 Henry Marchant, *Esq;*
 George Champlin, *Esq;*
 John Topham, *Esq;*
 Mr. Daniel Mason,
 Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE :

John Brown, *Esq;*
 Welcome Arnold, *Esq;*
 Benjamin Bourne, *Esq;*
 Joseph Nightingale, *Esq;*

PORTSMOUTH :

Elijah Cobb, *Esq;*
 Mr. Burrington Anthony,
 Benjamin Hall, *Esq;*

WARWICK :

Mr. Speaker,
 Mr. Gideon Arnold,
 Mr. Jonathan Gorton,
 Mr. Anthony Holden.

WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq;*
 Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Mr. Edward Hull,
 Ray Sands, *Esq;*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

James Congdon, *Esq;*
 Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq;*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Joseph Fry, *Esq;*
 Job Potter, *Esq;*

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. John Gardner,
 Mr. John Franklin.

SMITHFIELD :

John Sayles, *Esq;*
 Andrew Waterman, *Esq;*

SCITUATE :

None.

GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Seth Hunt,
 Stephen Winsor, *Esq;*

CHARLESTOWN :

Mr. Thomas Hoxsie,
 Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq;*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Mr. William Mathewson.

COVENTRY :

William Burlingame, *Esq;*
 Jeremiah Fenner, *Esq;*

EXETER :

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
 Mr. Job Wilcox, *jun.*

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. Thomas Coggeshall,
 Mr. Joseph Coggeshall.

BRISTOL :

None.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Benjamin Howland,
 Mr. Thomas Durfee.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. George Simmons,
 Nathaniel Searle, *Esq;*

WARREN :

Cromel Child, *Esq;*
 Mr. Smith Bowen.

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. John Lapham.

RICHMOND :

James Sheldon, *Esq;*
 Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

George Waterman, *Esq;*
 Abraham Whipple, *Esq;*

HOPKINTON :

Abel Tanner, *Esq;*
 Thomas Wells, *2d, Esq;*

JOHNSTON :

Abraham Belknap, *Esq;*
 Andrew Harris, *Esq;*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Mr. Edward Smith,
 Thomas Olney, *Esq;*

BARRINGTON :

Mr. Joshua Bicknall.

FOSTER :

John Westcott, *Esq;*

ROWSE J. HELME, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS *Lewis Peek*, Clerk to *Field's Fountain Society* in the Town of *Providence*, incorporated by an Act of the General Assembly passed at *May Session*, A. D. 1772, hath preferred a Petition to this Assembly, therein representing, that the Members of the said Society neglected to convene on the last *Wednesday* in *May*, A. D. 1785, in Consequence whereof some Doubts have arisen in the Minds of some of the Members of the said Society, as to the Legality of their subsequent Proceedings, apprehending that a Dissolution of the said Society was caused by their Omission of the annual Meeting, enjoined by the aforesaid Act of Incorporation; and that thereby the Collection of Taxes, assessed on the Members of the said Society, for the Repairing the Water-Works and other necessary Purposes is much impeded and embarrassed: And thereupon prayed this Assembly to pass an Act for the Revival of the said Charter, and a Confirmation of the Proceedings which have been had by the said Society since the said last *Wednesday* in *May*, A. D. 1785: An Act reviving the Act for incorporating *Field's Fountain Society*.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the aforesaid Act, for the Incorporation of the said Society, and every Part thereof, be and the same is hereby declared to be in full Force and Operation: That the Charter granted in Pursuance of the said Act be deemed and adjudged to be equally valid and operative as though the Omission of an annual Meeting as aforesaid had never happened; and that the Proceedings of the said Society, which have been had since the said Omission, be and the same are hereby declared to be valid, effectual and binding, so far as the same are agreeable to Law, the Neglect of an annual Meeting as aforesaid notwithstanding.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in case of any future Neglect of the said Society, in not meeting on the Day appointed for an annual Meeting, the Clerk of the said Society be and he is hereby empowered to warn a Meeting of the said Society at some Time not far distant from the said last *Wednesday* of *May*.

WHEREAS the Town of *Jamestown* have neglected to assess upon the Inhabitants thereof their Proportion of a Tax ordered by this Assembly to be paid into the General-Treasury by the First Day of *June* last past; and thereupon the General-Treasurer issued his Warrant of Distraint against *James Carr*, the Town-Treasurer of the said Town of *Jamestown*, and his Body was taken and committed to Gaol: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Assessors of Taxes, for the said Town of *Jamestown*, be and they are hereby empowered and directed forthwith to assess the said Town's Proportion of the said Tax; and the Collector of Taxes for the said Town is hereby ordered and directed to collect the same, with Interest thereon, from the First Day of *June* last past, until it shall be paid into the General-Treasury. Jamestown permitted to assess a Tax neglected.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Town shall have until the last *Monday* in *October* next, to collect and pay their Proportion of the said Tax into the General-Treasury, on paying Interest

Interest as aforesaid; and that upon the Tax-Bill for the said Tax being assessed as aforesaid, and returned to the General-Treasurer, the said Town-Treasurer be liberated from Gaol upon the said Warrant of Distress.

Committee to
value A. Tan-
ner's Land.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Edward Perry*, *Thomas Tefft*, and *Simeon Clarke, jun.* Esquires, Three Members of the Town-Council of the Town of *Richmond*, be and they are hereby empowered and directed to proceed to the Farm and Lands which *Abel Tanner*, Esq; of *Hopkinton*, hath pledged to this State for the Money by him received, which was emitted in *May*, 1786: That they make a just Appraisal of what the same Lands, Premises and Appurtenances, are worth in Paper Money, at Par with Silver and Gold: That they return the same in Writing to this Assembly, at the next Session; and that the same be done at the Expence of the said *Abel Tanner*.

E. Remington
to receive One
Quarter of a
State Note.

WHEREAS Miss *Elizabeth Remington*, of *Johnston*, preferred a Petition and represented to this Assembly, that she is possessed in her own Right of a Note issued by the General-Treasurer of this State, bearing Date *October 11*, A. D. 1782, for the Sum of *Eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Twopence*, payable within Three Years from the Date, with Interest: That she had no Knowledge of an Act of this Assembly foreclosing Persons who did not apply for One Quarter Part of such Notes within a limited Time; and that she is poor and aged, and unable to lose the same; and thereupon she prayed this Assembly, that the General-Treasurer may be directed to pay the first Quarter Part of the said Note:

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay unto the said *Elizabeth Remington* the first Quarter Part of the said Note, in the same Manner as if she had applied in Season.

General-
Treasurer to
pay into the
Loan-Office
Teamsters
Certificates,
&c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the Commissioner of the Continental Loan-Office in this State, towards the Specie Part of this State's Quota of the Requisition of Congress of *September 27*, 1785, such Certificates as he may have received, which were issued by *Edward Chinn*, Esq; Commissioner of Accounts, for the Sums due to the Contractors in this State for Ox Teams and their Conductors, employed in the Campaign of 1781; and also such Indents of Interest as are receivable by the said Commissioner of the Loan-Office on the said Requisition.

Steps of the
State-House
at *Newport* to
be repaired.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* be and he is hereby directed and authorized to employ suitable Persons to new lay the Steps at the South Door of the State-House in *Newport*; and that he lay his Account therefor before this Assembly.

Committee to
audit General-
Treasurer's Ac-
counts.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *George Hazard*, *John Jenckes*, and *George Champlin*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee,

mittee, to audit the Accounts of the General-Treasurer; and that they make Report at the next Session of this Assembly.

WHEREAS Mr. *Elisha Babcock*, of *Richmond*, in the County of *Washington*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that being unacquainted with the Proceedings of the General Assembly, he neglected to apply in Season for One Quarter Part of the State Securities, which he holds, ordered to be paid by this Assembly; and thereupon prayed this Assembly, that upon his Application for the same, within Fifteen Days from the Rising of this Assembly, he may be paid the said Quarter Part, in the same Manner as others have been paid:

E. Babcock's
Petition
granted.

ON due Consideration had of the Premises, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed, to pay unto the said *Elisha Babcock* the One Quarter Part of those Securities which he holds against the State, which were given for any other Purposes than consolidating the *Four per Cent.* Notes issued by the said Treasurer; provided the One Quarter Part of the said Securities does not exceed *Twenty Pounds*, Lawful Money.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *William Burlingame*, *Gideon Arnold*, and *Anthony Holden*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to consider the Petition of Mr. *Alexander Hopkins*, Part of whose Estate hath been sold by the Order of this Assembly; and that they make Report as soon as may be.

A. Hopkins's
Petition re-
ferred to a
Committee.

ON the Petition of Messieurs *Benjamin Williams* and *Simon Pease Cornell*, both of the State of *Connecticut*, for Liberty to receive One Quarter Part of a State Note for *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, which they are possessed of, and which (not having Knowledge of the Laws of this State) they have not applied for within the Time limited by an Act of this Assembly: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay unto the said Petitioners One Quarter Part of the said Note for the first Payment; provided the same Note was not given for the consolidating the *Four per Cent.* Notes, so called.

B. Williams,
Sr. to receive
One Quarter
Part of a State
Note.

WHEREAS Mr. *John Kinyon*, of *Exeter*, in the County of *Washington*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he is possessed in his own Right of a Note given by the General-Treasurer of this State to *David Herrenden*, for the Sum of *Twelve Pounds Three Shillings*, which Note was given in Consequence of consolidating a *Six per Cent.* Note given by the General-Treasurer: That he is very deaf, does not attend public Business, and had no Knowledge of the Act limiting the Time for the Payment of One Quarter Part of such Notes, until the same had expired; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly that the General-Treasurer may be directed to pay him One Quarter Part of said Note:

J. Kinyon's
Petition
granted.

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WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted; and that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay One Quarter Part of the said Note, in the same Manner as though it had been applied for within the Time limited by the said Act.

General-Treasurer to repay Money tendered by the Citizens of other States to the Citizens of this State. WHEREAS divers Sums of Money have been tendered by the Inhabitants of some other of the United States, to the Inhabitants of this State, which have been lodged in the Hands of some of the Justices of the Courts in this State, and paid into the General-Treasury: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That in all such Cases, upon Application being made to the General-Treasurer, he repay the Money which he hath so received, to the Persons applying for the same, upon their producing proper Documents.

Committee to enquire into Taxes in Arrear from *New-Shoreham, &c.* *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Attorney-General, *William Channing*, and *Jonathan J. Hazard*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Circumstances respecting the Tax in Arrear from *New-Shoreham*, and also to enquire into the Title of the Lands late confiscated as *Ackurs Sisson's*, and the Votes of the Assembly thereon: That they make Report at the next Session; and that the Payment of the said Tax be suspended, until the said Report be made.

J. Jencks appointed a Commissioner to settle the public Accounts. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *John Jencks*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner, with *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; heretofore appointed to adjust the Accounts of this State with the United States.

Tax of £. 30,000 ordered. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That a Tax of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, be assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the several Towns within this State; and that the same be levied, collected and paid, into the General-Treasury, by the Twenty-fifth Day of *January* next; and that an Act be drawn accordingly.

Committee to draught a Letter to the President of Congress. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Honourable *Daniel Owen*, Esq; *Thomas G. Hazard*, Esq; the Honourable the Speaker of the Lower House, *James Sheldon*, *Paul Mumford*, and *Rowse J. Helme*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to draught a Letter to the Honourable the Continental Congress, shewing the Reasons why this State have not had a Delegation at the Convention at *Philadelphia*, and to present the same to this Assembly.

Witness the Hand and Seal of the President of the Congress

An A C T for collecting the First Year's Interest, due on the Money ordered to be emitted by this Assembly, at the Session in *May*, A. D. 1786.

WHEREAS it is expedient, that the First Year's Interest, due on the Loan of the Paper Currency of this State emitted at *May* Session, A. D. 1786, should be collected, and the Interest Bonds delivered up: And as it will be convenient for the Inhabitants of this State, that One Person be appointed to transact the same Business in each of the following Counties, to wit: *Providence, Washington and Kent*: Be it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That *John Sayles, Esq;* be appointed and empowered for the County of *Providence*, Mr. *Jonathan Gorton* for the County of *Kent*, and Mr. *Benjamin Davis* for the County of *Washington*, to receive from the General-Treasurer of this State the Interest Bonds aforesaid, the Money due upon them from the Obligors, and to cancel and deliver up the same.

Act for collecting the First Year's Interest of the Loan Money.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Persons appointed as aforesaid shall each of them receive and be entitled to *Sixpence*, Lawful Money, for each Bond by them discharged as aforesaid, to be paid by the Obligor, in full of all their Services, and no more.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said *John Sayles, Jonathan Gorton*, and *Benjamin Davis*, shall, prior to their receiving such Bonds of the General-Treasurer, severally give Bonds unto the said Treasurer, with sufficient Surety in the penal Sum of the Amount of the Penalties of the Bonds delivered to them, for the faithful Performance of the Trust reposed in them.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the General-Treasurer for the Counties of *Newport and Bristol*, and the said *John Sayles, Jonathan Gorton*, and *Benjamin Davis*, for the several Counties to which they are appointed, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Person or Persons for Twenty Days after the said Interest Bonds shall become due to pay the same, to commence an Action of Debt against such Person or Persons upon the said Interest Bonds, at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County where the Mortgages were given, upon which said Interest Bonds arose, or such delinquent Person or Persons may live, and pursue the same to final Judgment and Execution.

PROVIDED nevertheless, and it is further Enacted, That the same Interest Bonds shall remain in the General-Treasury of this State, for the Space of Thirty Days from the Rising of this Assembly, in order that the several Obligors may have an Opportunity of paying the same before they be sent to the several Counties; and that all Officers, concerned in prosecuting said Actions, be entitled to and allowed

allowed Half Fees, in full Compensation for their Services, and no more.

AND it is further Enacted, That the said *John Sayles* shall keep an Office in the Town of *Providence*, for the transacting the Business of that County, until the same be completed.

ORDERED, That the Secretary forthwith cause this Act to be printed, and a Copy thereof to be sent to each Town-Clerk in this State.



Committee to
enquire into
Money re-
ceived for
confiscated
Estates sold.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *James Sheldon*, *Thomas Robinson*, and *Joseph W. Tweedy*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire into and make a thorough Investigation of all the Money that has been received by the Committees who have sold the confiscated Estates, and other Money belonging to the State; and that they report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Two Dele-
gates to be
sent to Con-
gress, &c.

WHEREAS a Letter from his Excellency the President of Congress, dated the Thirteenth of *August* last, hath been laid before this Assembly, informing that but few Members of Congress have of late attended, and requesting a Representation of this State in Congress, by their Delegates; and this State being disposed to comply in all Respects with the Articles of Confederation, so far as is in their Power; and as it is expected that Matters of great national Importance will come under the Consideration of the Congress, to be convened on the First *Monday* of *November* next: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That Two of the Delegates for this State be and they are hereby directed to attend as the Representatives of this State in the Congress of the United States, to be convened on the said First *Monday* in *November* next, agreeably to the Articles of Confederation.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to answer the said Letter, and to inform his Excellency the President of Congress of the Measures taken by this Assembly, for having this State duly represented in the Congress, to meet on the said First *Monday* in *November* next: That they have not given Orders for their Delegates going forward previous to that Time, under an Apprehension that the States will not be generally represented until the Meeting of Congress for the next Year, and that the more important Matters of the Union will not be acted upon by Congress until that Time; and assuring his Excellency the President of Congress, that it is the Desire and Intention of this State to do every Thing in their Power for promoting the great Objects of the Confederacy, the general Welfare and Happiness of the Whole.

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UPON the Request of Mr. *Richard Septon*, one of the Invalids, *R. Septon* al-
for a Grant of a Sum of Money in Part of his Pension, *It is Voted* allowed £ 40.
and *Resolved*, That the Sum of *Forty Pounds*, Lawful Money, be
paid to Mr. *Bowen Card* out of the General-Treasury for the Use of
the said *Richard Septon*; and that he account for the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Two Hundred Pounds*, Lawful *B. Wheeler* al-
Money, be advanced and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. allowed £ 200.
Bennett Wheeler, on Account of Printing done for the State, agree-
ably to his Request.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; who is a *R. J. Helme*
Commissioner for this State to settle the Accounts thereof with the allowed
United States, be and he is hereby empowered to draw *Three Hun-* £ 300.
dred Pounds, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, in order
to enable him to pay the Clerks of the Commissioners, and other
incidental Charges attending the Settlement of the same; and that he
account therefor.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Commissioners for settling the Commission-
public Accounts be and they are hereby directed, by Notifications ers for set-
in the News-Papers of this State, to call upon all Persons who have tling the pub-
been employed under the Authority of this State in any of the mi- lic Accounts
litary Departments, and who have Accounts unsettled, to present the to call upon
same immediately for Payment; and also upon all Persons who are Individuals,
possessed of any Papers or Documents which may be necessary as
Vouchers, to transmit them as soon as may be to the said Commis-
sioners.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Tax of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, Tax of
Lawful Money, ordered to be assessed at the present Session of this £ 30,000 to
Assembly, be proportioned to the several Towns in the same Propor- be assessed as
tion as the last Tax was. the last Tax.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Jonathan Macomber*, Esq; be and Justices ap-
he is hereby appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Charle-* pointed for
stown; and that *Nicholas Gardner* (Son of *Ezekiel*) Esq; be and he is Chalestown
hereby appointed a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*. and Exeter.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the *Morocco* Signals be lodged with Morocco Sig-
the Intendants of Trade; and that they fix up in a conspicuous Place nals to be
in their Offices that they have said Signals, that any Masters of Vef- lodged with
sels wanting the same may have them. the Inten-
dants, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Resolution of Congress of the Resolution of
Twenty-third Day of July, A. D. 1787, respecting the Settlement Congress for
of unliquidated Claims against the United States, be published in settling of
the News-Papers of this State. Accounts to
be published.

B E it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof Treaty of
it is Enacted, That the Treaty of Peace entered into between the Peace with
United States of America and his *Britannic Majesty*, is fully binding Great-Bri-
upon tain's confirm-
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upon all the Citizens of this State as a Law of the Land, and is not in any Respect to be receded from, misconstrued or violated.

B. James allowed 7s. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Benjamin James; being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for mending a Lock, &c. for the State-House in the County of Newport.*

P. Barker, jun. allowed 18s. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Eighteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Peleg Barker, jun. Esq; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for copying Two Tax-Bills by Order of this Assembly.*

Report upon J. Stanton's, jun. Petition, and Allowance to him. WHEREAS *Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq;* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that in *January, A. D. 1777*, he, as one of the Committee of Safety, borrowed of *Joshua Clarke, Esq;* of *Hopkinton, Five Hundred Continental Dollars* for the recruiting Service; which he agreed to repay upon the Settlement of his Accounts with the State, by a General-Treasurer's Note bearing *Six per Cent.* Interest: That before the Adjustment of his Accounts the General Assembly resolved to issue no more Notes upon *Six per Cent.* but in Lieu thereof issued Notes carrying an Interest of *Four per Cent.* which he was obliged to receive for the Balance of his Account: That he immediately offered Payment to the said *Joshua Clarke* in the said *Four per Cent.* Notes, who refused to accept them: That he also offered him the Continental Money, which he likewise refused; and that the said *Joshua Clarke* hath since sued him, and he hath been obliged to borrow *Six per Cent.* Notes to pay the same; by which he hath been a great Sufferer: And thereupon the said *Joseph Stanton, jun.* prayed this Assembly for Relief: And this Petition having been submitted to a Committee, who made the following Report thereon, *to wit:*

IN Obedience to our Appointment, we have taken this Petition into Consideration, with all the Circumstances relating thereto, and find the Facts therein set forth to be true. And as the said *Joseph Stanton, jun.* acted as a public Officer, and sustained Damages by the Loss of the Continental Money which died in his Hands, to the Amount of *One Hundred and Nine Pounds Four Shillings, Lawful Money*, together with the Interest allowed by Act of Assembly upon the *Six per Cent.* Notes, from *March, A. D. 1777* until paid, we are of Opinion, that upon the said *Joseph Stanton's, jun.* paying *Five Hundred Continental Dollars* into the General-Treasury, he ought to be paid the said Sum of *One Hundred and Nine Pounds Four Shillings*, with Interest as aforesaid, out of the General-Treasury: And beg Leave to report accordingly.

JAMES SHELDON,
SAMUEL J. POTTER,
ABEL TANNER.

Newport, Sept. 15, 1787.

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ALL which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said Sum of *One Hundred and Nine Pounds Four Shillings*, Lawful Money, together with Interest as above reported, be paid to the said *Joseph Stanton, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Attorney-General enquire into the Arrearages of all the Taxes due to this State, and what Money or Deeds and Bonds are in the Hands of Trustees; and that he prosecute the Delinquents for the Recovery of the same, consonant to Law.

Attorney-General to enquire into Taxes in Arrear, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Simeon Clarke, jun. Esq;* of *Richmond*, be and he is hereby appointed the Fifth Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, within and throughout the State, in the Room of *John Waite, Esq;* who declines.

S. Clarke, jun. Justice of Superior Court.



An A C T for granting and apportioning a Tax of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, upon the Inhabitants of this State.

BE it *Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof* *It is Enacted*, That a Tax for raising the Sum of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, be granted and assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this State, on or before the Twentieth Day of *October* next; and that the said Sum of *Thirty Thousand Pounds* be collected, and paid into the General-Treasury of this State, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *January* next.

And apportioning the Tax of £ 30,000.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax be *Fifteen Shillings*, being *Sixpence* upon every *Thousand Pounds*: And that all male Persons of Twenty-one Years of Age and upwards, (excepting Ministers of the Gospel) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

It is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Tax shall be and the same is hereby assessed unto and upon the several Towns in the following Proportions, *to wit*:

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| Newport shall pay | £ | 1695 | 0 | 0 |
| Portsmouth, | | 926 | 8 | 0 |
| Jamestown, | | 480 | 0 | 0 |
| Middletown, | | 511 | 9 | 0 |
| Tiverton, | | 1061 | 10 | 0 |
| Little-Compton, | | 868 | 10 | 0 |
| New-Shoreham, | | 336 | 0 | 0 |
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| | £ | 5878 | 17 | 0 |
| Providence, | | | | |

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| <i>Providence,</i> | £ 2412 | 0 | 0 | | |
| <i>Smithfield,</i> | 1930 | 0 | 0 | | |
| <i>Scituate,</i> | 1013 | 5 | 0 | | |
| <i>Glocester,</i> | 1505 | 8 | 0 | | |
| <i>Cumberland,</i> | 887 | 16 | 0 | | |
| <i>Cranston,</i> | 1186 | 19 | 0 | | |
| <i>Johnston,</i> | 619 | 10 | 6 | | |
| <i>North-Providence,</i> | 434 | 5 | 0 | | |
| <i>Foster,</i> | 694 | 16 | 0 | | |
| | <hr/> | | | £ 10684 | 9 6 |
| <i>Westerly,</i> | 921 | 1 | 0 | | |
| <i>North-Kingstown,</i> | 1405 | 14 | 0 | | |
| <i>South-Kingstown,</i> | 2466 | 0 | 0 | | |
| <i>Charlestown,</i> | 767 | 17 | 0 | | |
| <i>Richmond,</i> | 667 | 7 | 3 | | |
| <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 863 | 3 | 0 | | |
| <i>Exeter,</i> | 969 | 6 | 0 | | |
| | <hr/> | | | 8060 | 8 3 |
| <i>Bristol,</i> | 630 | 1 | 9 | | |
| <i>Warren,</i> | 381 | 3 | 6 | | |
| <i>Barrington,</i> | 296 | 4 | 9 | | |
| | <hr/> | | | 1307 | 11 0 |
| <i>Warwick,</i> | 1668 | 15 | 0 | | |
| <i>East-Greenwich,</i> | 768 | 2 | 6 | | |
| <i>West-Greenwich,</i> | 687 | 1 | 9 | | |
| <i>Coventry,</i> | 944 | 15 | 0 | | |
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IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of the said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum in which they shall be deficient, until the same be paid : That each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer : That the Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns be and they are hereby empowered and directed to collect the Interest with the Principal from the delinquent Individuals, after the aforesaid Time ; and that in case any Execution shall be issued from the General-Treasurer against the Treasurers of any delinquent Towns, the Collectors be and they are hereby empowered and directed to collect from the individual Delinquents all the Costs and Expences which shall accrue thereon, in Proportion to the Sums due from such Delinquents respectively.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, on or before the First Day of November next, who is hereby directed and required to send a Copy thereof within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same to the General-Treasurer ; and that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed

ed and required to issue his Warrant within Four Days to the several Town-Treasurers, to be by them delivered to the several Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting, its Part of the aforesaid Tax; and that upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, collect, and pay into the General-Treasury, their Proportion of the said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such Town, for its Proportion or Deficiency of the said Tax, which Execution shall be returnable in Ten Days after the Date thereof.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State, be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to sue out and prosecute the Bond and Security, that shall be by him taken from the Collectors of the said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Bond and Security shall be so taken; which Special Court shall be convened in the usual Manner, have the same Power as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State, and take the same Fees. And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this State be and they are hereby required to send the Names of the Town-Treasurers and Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time they shall send a Copy of the Rate-List.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors of Taxes be and they are hereby empowered to consider the Circumstances of the Poor in their respective Towns, and exempt such from the Poll-Tax as they shall think unable to pay the same.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Towns be and they are hereby empowered to make Choice of new Assessors and Collectors, for assessing and collecting the said Tax.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Thirty Thousand Pounds, when collected and paid into the General-Treasury, be appropriated to the Payment of this State's Debt.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to
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the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town : And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.



Draught of a Letter to Congress approved, &c. WHEREAS the Committee, appointed at the present Session to draught a Letter to his Excellency the President of Congress, reported a Letter agreeable to their Appointment : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Draught of a Letter be and the same is hereby approved : That the Secretary make a fair Copy thereof ; and that the same be signed by his Excellency the Governor, and transmitted to his Excellency the President of Congress.

Protest. UPON which Draught of a Letter, the following Protest is entered, *to wit* :

WE the Subscribers beg Leave to protest against the Report of a Letter to the President of Congress, assigning the Reasons for the Legislature of this State's refusing to send Members to the Convention at *Philadelphia*, for revising the Articles of Confederation, &c. for the following Reasons :

First. FOR that it has never been thought heretofore by the Legislature of this State, or while it was a Colony, inconsistent with, or any Innovation upon, the Rights and Liberties of the Citizens of this State, to concur with the Sister States or Colonies in appointing Members or Delegates to any Convention proposed for the general Benefit ; but with the highest Approbation of the good Citizens of this State, and while a Colony, the Legislature have at various Times agreed to Conventions with the Sister States and Colonies, and found their Interest greatly served thereby : That to the Congress, appointed in the Beginning of the late arduous Struggle with *Great-Britain*, the Members sent from this then Colony were appointed with the fullest Powers for carrying on a defensive War with, and finally for declaring these States independent of, *Great-Britain*, and for forming Articles of Confederation ; both which glorious Events were received and confirmed by the Legislature of this State, with the loudest Acclamations of the People at large.

Secondly. THAT the Powers, mentioned in the said Letter to have been vested in Congress, for the regulating Trade, were granted by the Legislature of this State, as also finally granting the Impost ; which is inconsistent with the Ideas contained in the said Letter, that such Powers were not in the Legislature, but in the People at large.

Thirdly.

Thirdly. THAT by the Articles of Confederation, which hath been Part of the Constitution of the State, it is expressly provided, that when any Alteration is made in the Articles of Confederation, it shall be agreed to in a Congress of the United States, and be afterwards confirmed by the Legislatures of every State, which is plainly expressive that this Power is in the Legislature only.

Fourthly. As by the Articles of Confederation the Appointment of Delegates in Congress is declared to be by the Legislatures of the several States, in such Manner as the Legislatures of each State shall direct: That therefore, as the Power of appointing Delegates did begin, and was continued, in the Legislature of this State for several Years, and until by Act of the same Legislature the Election of Delegates to Congress was committed to the People at large; and as the General Assembly still, on the Death or Resignation of any of the Delegates of this State, or on the Recall of any Delegate or Delegates, do exercise the Power of appointing others in their Stead, and do, by a Law they have enacted, prevent their Delegates from proceeding to Congress until special Order or Direction from the Legislature; so it is certain the Legislature had constitutionally the Power of sending Delegates to Congress: And to presume they have not Power to send Members to a proposed Convention, recommended by Congress, and under the Invitations of their Sister States, must be inconsistent with those Powers which all Legislatures must be presumed to possess, for the Preservation of the Rights, Liberties and Privileges, of the People, inconsistent with the most common Apprehension; and that a contrary Supposition is most absurd.

Fifthly. As it would have been our highest Honour and Interest to have complied with the tender Invitations of our Sister States, and of Congress, so our Non-compliance hath been our highest Imprudence; and therefore it would have been more consistent with our Honour and Dignity to have lamented our Mistake, and decently apologized for our Errors, than to have endeavoured to support them on ill-founded Reasons, and indefensible Principles. For these, and other Reasons which might have been adduced, had we not been expressly limited to One Hour for making our Protest, we Dissent from the Reasons suggested in the said Letter.

HENRY MARCHANT,
GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
JOHN TOPHAM,
DANIEL MASON,
WILLIAM TRIPP,
JOHN BROWN,
WELCOME ARNOLD,
BENJAMIN BOURNE,
JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE,

} Deputies for the
Town of New-
port.

} Deputies for the
Town of Pro-
vidence.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Honourable *James Manning*, Delegates to *James M. Varnum*, *Nathan Miller*, and *Pelag Arnold*, Esquires, who have received Money out of the General-Treasury as Delegates for account for Money received. this

this State in Congress, lay their Accounts before this Assembly at the next Session, that they may account for the Money so received.

Officers of
Glocester
Light-Infan-
try.

In Council was read the following Return of Officers, for the *Glocester Light-Infantry Company, to wit:*

Elijah Armstrong, Captain; *Ephraim Brown*, First Lieutenant; *Elisba Brown*, Second Lieutenant; *Benjamin Hawkins*, Ensign; who are hereby approved.

Justices to ac-
count for Mo-
ney lodged.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the several Justices of the Superior and Inferior Courts within this State, who have had Money lodged with them by Debtors, render to this Assembly at the next Session an Account of the several Lodgments, and what has become of the same:

J. M. Varnum
allowed
£ 150.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *James M. Varnum*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, to be accounted for in his Account for revising the State Laws.

J. Cozzens
Collector of
Impost,
Washington.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. John Cozzens* be and he is hereby appointed Collector of Impost for the County of *Washington*, in the Room of *George Thomas*, Esq; who declines.

T. Rumrell
allowed
£ 100.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money; and that he account therefor in the Settlement of his Account as Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office.

Officers con-
tinued and
Executions
stayed, &c.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Officers who have not been re-appointed, and in whose Places others have not been chosen, be and they are hereby continued in their respective Offices until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session; and that all Executions, for the Staying whereof Petitions are pending before this Assembly, be stayed till the Rising of this Assembly at the said Session.

T. Tew al-
lowed £ 5.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Five Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Thomas Tew*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter.

J. Bliven al-
lowed £ 5.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Five Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. James Bliven*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter.

J. Richards
allowed £ 5.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Five Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. John Richards*, for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this State, by them to be transmittted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the last *Monday* in *October* next, then to meet at the State-House in *Washington*; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be and hereby is dissolved.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED.

W I T N E S S,

Henry Ward Swin



October, 1787.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last Monday in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-seven, and in the Twelfth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, ESQUIRE,

G O V E R N O R.

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| THEODORE FOSTER, Esq. | } | Assistants. |
| JOSEPH STANTON, JUN. Esq. | | |
| SYLVANUS SAYLES, Esq. | | |
| JAMES ARNOLD, Esq. | | |
| WILLIAM CONGDON, Esq. | | |
| CALEB GARDNER, Esq. | | |
| THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq. | | |

HENRY SHERBURNE, Esq. Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

October, 1787.

DEPUTIES FROM THE SEVERAL TOWNS.

NEWPORT.

Henry Marchant, *Esq.*
George Champlin, *Esq.*
John Topham, *Esq.*
Daniel Mason, *Esq.*
Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE.

Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
Benjamin Bourne, *Esq.*
Joseph Nightingale, *Esq.*
Nathaniel Wheaton, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH.

Mr. Job Durfee.

WARWICK.

Othniel Gorton, *Esq.*
Mr. Gideon Arnold,
Mr. Jonathan Gorton.

WESTERLY.

Joseph Noyes, *Esq.*
Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM.

Mr. Edward Hull,
Ray Sands, *Esq.*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN.

James Congdon, *Esq.*
Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH.

Joseph Fry, *Esq.*
Job Comstock, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN.

Rowland Robinson, *Esq.*
Mr. John Eldred.

SMITHFIELD.

John Sayles, *Esq.*
Andrew Waterman, *Esq.*

SCITUATE.

Mr. Nathan Bates.
Mr. Caleb Westcott.

GLOUCESTER.

Mr. Seth Hunt,
Stephen Winsor, *Esq.*

CHARLESTON.

Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq.*
Mr. Lodowick Stanton.

WEST-GREENWICH.

Thomas Joslin, *Esq.*
Mr. William Matthewson.

COVENTRY.

William Burlingame, *Esq.*
Jeremiah Fenner, *Esq.*

EXETER.

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
Mr. Job Wilcox, *jun.*

MIDDLETOWN.

Mr. Joseph Coggeshall,
BRISTOL.

None.

TIVERTON.

Mr. Benjamin Howland.

LITTLE-SIMPTON.

Mr. George Simmons.

WARREN.

Cromel Childs, *Esq.*

CUMBERLAND.

Mr. Roger Sheldon.

RICHMOND.

James Sheldon, *Esq.*

Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON.

George Waterman, *Esq.*
Abraham Whipple, *Esq.*

HOPKINGTON.

Mr. Oliver Davis,
David Nichols, *Esq.*

JOHNSTON.

Mr. William Waterman,
Mr. Philip Arnold.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE.

Mr. Edward Smith,
Thomas Olney, *Esq.*

BARRINGTON.

Mr. Nathaniel Martin.

FOSTER.

None.

The Honorable WILLIAM BRADFORD, *Esq.* was chosen Speaker; and ROWSE J. HELME, *Esq.* Clerk of the Lower-House.

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General-Gaol-Delivery, which by Law was to have been held in *East-Greenwich*, within and for the County of *Kent*, in *April* last, did not convene, whereby the Business pending before the said Court was not continued for Trial at the usual Term of the said Court held in *October* current: And whereas Injustice will be done unless the said Court be empowered to hear such Complaints at the Adjournment of the said Court to be holden on the First Monday in *December* next:

Superior Court
Kent revived.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all Business pending before the said Court which ought to have been heard and tried at the Term which was to have been held in said *East-Greenwich* in *April* last, be heard and determined at and by the said Court at their Adjournment to be holden in the said County on the First Monday in *December* next: That all Executions and Writs which were to be returned at the Term to have been held in *April* last, be returned to the said Adjournment: and that all Judgments, Sentences and Decrees, then and there to be made, shall be binding and effectual to all Intents and Purposes.

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature; Court of Assize and General-Gaol-Delivery, which by Law ought to have been holden at *Providence* within and for the County of *Providence*, on the First Monday of *September* last, did not convene to do the Business before the said Court, whereby a Delay of Justice has happened:

Superior Court
Providence re-
vived,

WHEREFORE, that Justice may be done and the Laws of this State be duly distributed,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That the said Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General-Gaol-Delivery be and they are hereby empowered and directed to convene at the State-House in *Providence*, within and for the County of *Providence*, on the Second Monday of *December* next: That they then and there hear and determine all Matters and Things cognizable before them, and all such Business as was to have been determined at *September* Term aforesaid: That the Jurors who were drawn to serve at the said *September* Term, then and there attend: That all Writs and Executions which were returnable at the said Term be then returned: That all Judgments, Sentences and Decrees by the said Court then and there made, shall be as binding and effectual to all Intents, Purposes and Constructions as though the said Court had been held at the stated Term: And that the Secretary publish this Act in the *Providence News-Papers*.

WHEREAS *George Perry*, of *Richmond*, in the County of *Washington*, as Attorney to the Administrator of *Jonathan Bidgood*, late a Soldier for Three Years, deceased, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he is possessed of a State Note issued by the General

G. Perry to receive 1/2 Part of a State Note.

ral-Treasurer for £.4 19/9 Lawful Silver Money, payable *November 27, 1786*, with Interest from *December 1, 1782*; and that he had no Knowledge of the Act of this Assembly limiting the Time for the Payment of one Quarter Part of such Notes till the Time had elapsed; and thereupon he prayed this Assembly to empower him to receive the same out of the General-Treasury.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted; and that the Petitioner be entitled to receive the Proportion of the said Note out of the General-Treasury in the same Manner as though he had made Application therefor in due Time.



Act to prevent
the Slave
Trade, &c.

AN ACT to prevent the Slave-Trade, and to encourage the Abolition of Slavery.

WHEREAS the Trade to *Africa* for Slaves, and the Transportation and Selling of them into other Countries, is inconsistent with Justice, and the Principles of Humanity, as well as the Laws of Nature, and that more enlightend and civilized Sense of freedom which has of late prevailed: And whereas the General Congress of the United States, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, taking the said Trade into Consideration agreed and Resolved, as follows, "That we will neither import, nor purchase any Slaves imported after the First Day of *December* next: After which Time we will wholly discontinue the Slave Trade and will neither be concerned in it ourselves, nor will we hire our Vessels or sell our Commodities or Manufactures to those that are:" Nevertheless, forgetful of the Danger which then impended, and inattentive to the Principles of Justice and sound Policy manifested in the aforesaid Resolution, a Renewal of the African Trade for Slaves has been entered into by divers Inhabitants of this State.

For the Prevention whereof, *Be it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted*, That no Citizen of this State, or other Person residing within the same shall for himself or any other Person whatsoever, either as Master, Factor, or Owner of any Vessel, directly or indirectly import or transport, buy or sell, or receive on board their Vessel with Intent to cause to be imported or transported from their native Country, any of the Natives or Inhabitants of any State or Kingdom in that Part of the Word called *Africa*, as Slaves, or without their voluntary Consent.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Citizen, Inhabitant, or Resident, as aforesaid, who shall import or transport, or cause to be imported or transported, any of the said Inhabitants of *Africa*, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this Act,
and

and be thereof lawfully convicted, shall forfeit the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money for every Person by him or them so imported or transported ; and the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* for every Vessel by him or them employed in the Importation or Transportation aforesaid, to be recovered by Bill, Complaint, or Information before the Superior Court, or either of the Inferior Courts within this State : The one Moiety whereof shall be paid into the General-Treasury for the Use of this State, the other Moiety to and for the Use of the Person or Persons who shall prosecute for and recover the same :

Provided nevertheless, That this Act do not extend to Vessels which have already sailed, their Owners, Factors, or Commanders, for and during their present Voyage.

WHEREAS this Assembly at the last Session past the following Resolve, "*It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Edward Perry, Thomas Test,* and *Simeon Clark, jun.* Esquires, Three Members of the Town-Council of the Town of *Richmond,* be and they are hereby empowered and directed to proceed to the Farm and Land which *Abel Tanner, Esq.* of *Hopkinton,* hath pledged to this State for the Money by him received which was emitted in *May, A. D. 1786 :* That they make a just Appraisal of what the same Lands, Premises and Appurtenances are worth in Paper Money at Par with Silver and Gold, and return the same in Writing to this Assembly at the next Session ; and that the same be at the Expence of the said *Abel Tanner.*" And whereas the said Committee have neglected to make a Return to this Assembly of the Value of the same Lands agreeably to said Resolve ; and as it is of Importance to this State that the Appraisal of the said Lands should be made according to the Resolve aforesaid,

Committee to
appraise *A.
Tanner's*
Lands.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That *Abraham Whipple* and *Andrew Waterman,* Esquires, together with *Edward Perry, Esq.* one of the former Committee, forthwith repair upon the Premises aforesaid and estimate the same agreeably to the said Resolve, and make Report to this Assembly at the present Session ; and that the said *Abel Tanner* be at the Expence thereof.

WHEREAS Mrs *Sarah Davis,* of *Coventry,* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that she is possessed of a State Note issued in her own Name for the Sum of *Ten Pounds* Lawful Money, payable on Demand with Interest, and that she had no Knowledge of the Time limited for the Payment of one Quarter Part of the said Note till the same had elapsed : And thereupon she prayed this Assembly to enable her to receive the said Quarter Part out of the General-Treasury :

S. Davis to
receive Quarter
Part State
Note.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted ; and that the said Quarter Part of the said Note forfeited as aforesaid, be paid to the

said *Sarah Davis* out of the General-Treasury in the same Manner as if Application had been made in due Season.



Act for Pun-
ishment of
Larcenies, &c.

An ACT for the more effectually punishing Persons who shall be convicted of Larcenies, and for preventing of Thefts.

WHEREAS the Practice of Thieving, and committing Larcenies, by Persons of wicked and abandoned Dispositions, hath become of late very prevalent within this State; and the common Mode of punishing such Culprits, by Fine or Whipping, not being sufficient to deter them from their nefarious Practices:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted, That all Persons who shall be lawfully convicted, either before the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General-Gaol-Delivery, or before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, it shall and may be lawful for such Courts to pass Judgment upon such Criminal, and sentence him, her or them, to work at hard Labor, under such Restraints, and for so long Time, as such Court shall adjudge adequate to his, her, or their Offence, according to the Enormity of the Crime, not exceeding Two Years.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Person or Persons who shall have the Care and Management of such Convicts, to chain them, or to shackle or manacle them, in such Manner as they judge fit, to Wheelbarrows or Boats, or otherwise to secure them, in order to prevent their running away; and to make them work and labor, whereby they may in some Measure be serviceable to the Community: Provided they do not treat them with Cruelty, to the depriving them of Limb or Member.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful for the Person or Persons who shall have the Care and Management of such Convicts, during the Time of their Servitude, if he, she, or they are obstinate or refractory, to correct them with Moderation, by Chastisement.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Person or Persons who shall have the Care and Management of such Convicts, shall provide and deliver to them sufficient Provisions, Water, and necessary Clothing, during the Time of their Servitude, without Expence to the State, for the Benefit of their Labor.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such Person or Persons who shall have the Care and Management of such Convicts

Convicts shall be appointed by the Sheriff of each County, and shall have the Benefit of the common Gaols in each County to secure such Convicts in, during the Night Season, and such Days as are not suitable for them to labor in, and when they shall be refractory, and refuse to labor.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That Persons convicted in one County, may be sent into any other County to work out their Time of Servitude, if such Overseers will receive them from a different County than that in which he shall reside.

Provided always, and it is further Enacted, That where no proper Person is appointed, and will receive such Convicts, the Courts may proceed to pass Judgment; and sentence such Convict by Fine and Imprisonment, or Whipping, as heretofore.

AND provided also, That this Act shall not be construed to prevent the Courts ordering the Culprits to make Restitution to the Persons that they have injured in their Property.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall continue and remain in Force for the Space of Two Years, and no longer.

IT is Ordered, That the Secretary cause this Act to be published in the News-Papers and send printed Copies thereof forthwith to the several Town-Clerks in the State.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Twelve Shillings Law-ful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Samuel Thurston*, agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited an Account by him exhibited for his Expences in pursuing *James Burk* and *Anthony Cowell*, Persons convicted of Theft in January, A. D. 1784. *S. Thurston* allowed £ 3 12 6

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Three Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Robert Taylor, Peleg Barker, jun.* and *William Borden*, Esquires, agreeably to the Report of the Committee who audited their Accounts exhibited for their Services as Justices of the Peace on Complaint against *James Burke* and *Anthony Cowell*, for Theft in January 1784. *R. Taylor, &c.* allowed £ 3

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Jeffery Wilcox*, Esq. President of the Town-Council of the Town of *Exeter*, be and he is hereby empowered to draw Thirty Pounds Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury: That the said Money be laid out under the Direction of the said Town-Council for necessary Supplies of Provision and Clothing for *Anthony Foster*, an Invalid Soldier; and that the same be accounted for unto this Assembly. *J. Wilcox* to draw £. 30 for *A. Foster*.
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It is further Voted and Resolved, That if the said Town-Council will supply the aforefaid Invalid with neceffary Provision and Cloathing agreeably to a late Act for the Purpose of fupplying the Invalids and crediting the Town in the Continental Requisitions, this Grant be void : That the General-Treasurer do not pay any Wages unto the faid *Anthony Foster* until the further Orders of this Assembly ; and that the Secretary tranfmit a Copy of thefe Refolutions to the General-Treasurer.

J. Sanford liberated from Gaol.

WHEREAS *John Sanford* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly that he has been tried and convicted of Fraud and has fuffered the corporal Punishment prefcribed by Law for the fame, but is ftill retained in Gaol for the Cofts, which he is utterly unable to pay : And thereupon prayed this Affembly to liberate him from Gaol.

AND the faid Petition being duly confidered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the faid *John Sanford* be liberated and difcharged from Gaol for the Cofts attending his Conviction at the Superior Court, agreeably to his Petition.

Officers elected BOTH Houfes being joined in a Grand Committee chofe the following Officers, to wit :

Francis Weft, *David Nichols*, *Robert Burdick*, *Jehiab Whitter* and *Thomas Potter Gardner*, Efquires, Juftices of the Peace for the Town of *Hopkinton*.

James Smith and *Andrew Waterman*, Efquires, Juftices of the Peace for the Town of *Smithfield*.

S. Tibbits allowed Quarter Part State Note.

WHEREAS Mrs *Sufannah Tibbits*, of *North-Kingftown*, Widow, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Affembly, that fhe is poffeffed of a State Note for the Sum of *Twenty-three Pounds Eight Shillings and Nine Pence* Lawful Money, dated *September 13, 1783* : That although the Note is in her Name, yet the Property of it is in her Son who has been long abfent at Sea, but has now returned and is willing to receive the Money for faid Note agreeably to the Acts of this Affembly : And thereupon fhe prayed this Affembly that fhe may receive the Quarter Part of faid Note which by Law is forfeited to the State.

WHICH being duly confidered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the prayer of the faid Petition be, and the fame is hereby granted.



An ACT for the more impartial Election of all Officers chosen by the Freemen in the respective Towns within this State. Act regulating Town-meetings.

WHEREAS it frequently happens in the Choice of Officers within the Towns in this State, that the Moderator of the Meeting puts up the Person nominated for the Suffrages of the Freemen, by the Sign of holding up Hands ; whereby Persons are frequently appointed to Offices, who would not be appointed if the Suffrages of the People were taken by Ballot : Wherefore,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted, That when and so often as the Freemen of any of the Towns within this State shall convene in Meeting, for the Choice of any Representation, or delegating any Power of the Freemen to any one or more Delegate, or the Choice of any Officers whatever, that if any Freeman shall demand that such Choice shall be made by Ballot, or a Vote in Writing, and is seconded by one or more Freemen, that the Suffrages of the Freemen shall be taken by Ballot, or a Vote in Writing, and the Person presiding at such Choice shall take the Suffrages by Ballot as aforesaid: And any Person or Persons elected otherwise than by Ballot, when the same is demanded by one Freeman and seconded by one or more, shall be void ; and he or they so elected shall be incapable of acting in his or their Office : Any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding:



On the Petition of *Richard Gardner*, of *South-Kingstown*, in the County of *Washington*, who for several Years was Collector of Taxes in the said Town, praying that on his paying the Money due from him as Collector as aforesaid, together with the Interest from the Time the same became due, the General-Treasurer may be directed to reconvey his Land to him which was sold at Public Auction for his Arrearages and purchased by the State :

Committee to inquire into R. Gardner's Petition.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Job Comstock*, *Jonathan F. Hazard*, and *James Sheldon*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to enquire into the Subject Matter of the said Petition and report to this Assembly the Circumstances attending the same, and what Money is due from the said *Richard Gardner* to the State.



Act for more
effectual Col-
lection of Tax-
es.

AN ACT for the more effectually collecting and paying into the General-Treasury the Taxes which have already been assessed and those which shall hereafter be assessed upon the Individuals of this State.

WHEREAS it hath become customary upon the General-Treasurer's issuing his Warrant of Distress against the Town-Treasurer of a Delinquent Town for Deficiencies of such Towns Quota of the Tax and the Sheriff's committing such Town-Treasurer to the Gaol, that such Town-Treasurer commences an Action against the Collector of Taxes and his Sureties, and thereupon quits his Confinement, and frequently returns his Execution against the Collector and delays the Collection of the Money, whereby the General-Treasury is not supplied with Money agreeably to the Acts of this Assembly :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That where any Town-Treasurers have been committed to Gaol in any of the Counties of this State, by Virtue of a Warrant of Distress from the General-Treasurer for the Deficiencies of such Town's Quota of any Tax or Assessment, and hath left his Confinement without paying the Deficiency or being legally discharged, that the Sheriffs of the respective Counties forthwith retake and re-commit such Town-Treasurer who hath made Escape, to remain in Gaol until legally discharged.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when and so often as it shall happen that the Town-Treasurer of any Town within this State shall be committed to Gaol upon a Warrant of Distress issuing from the General-Treasurer for the Deficiency of such Town's Quota of any Assessment made upon them, that he shall stand committed to such Gaol until the Whole of such Town's Assessment shall be paid agreeably to such Warrant of Distress or he be legally discharged therefrom ; although such Town-Treasurer shall commence an action against the Collector and his Sureties ; any Law, Custom, or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.



H. Sherburne
allowed £.80

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Henry Sherburne, Esq. be, and he is hereby empowered to receive the Sum of *Eighty Pounds* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, on account of his Services as Deputy-Secretary ; and that he be accountable for the same.

Report of the
Committee to
appraise A.
Tanner's
Land,

WHEREAS the Committee appointed at the present Session to appraise the Lands of *Abel Tanner*, Esq. presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit ;

IN Obedience to the within Appointment, we have repaired to the Lands of *Abel Tanner*, Esq. in *Hopkinton*, and have viewed the same, and upon mature Deliberation had thereon, do appraise the same to be worth *One Thousand and Twenty Pounds*, Lawful Money, at the Time the Act of the General Assembly took Place in *June*, 1786, and report the same accordingly.

Abraham Whipple,
Andrew Waterman,
Edward Perry.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted : That the said *Abel Tanner* pledge the said Lands for the Sum of *Five Hundred and Ten Pounds*, Lawful Money, that for the Remainder of the Money in his Hands being *One Hundred and Ninety Pounds* he pledge other Lands which shall be double in Value, agreeably to the emitting Act, in the Estimation of the said *Edward Perry* : That the same be done within Ten Days from the Rising of this Assembly, that the Deeds and Bonds bear Date at the usual Time of Loaning out the said Money agreeably to the emitting Act, and that the said Deeds and Bonds shall have the same Force and Efficacy in the Law as though such Deeds and Bonds were actually delivered at the Time they shall bear Date. Done at the Request and by the Agreement of the said *Abel Tanner* in this Assembly this Day.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Joslynn*, Esq. be, and he is hereby appointed one of the Committee chosen at the last Session to consider the Petition of Mr. *Alexander Hopkins* : And that the said Committee Report as soon as may be. Committee upon A. Hopkins's Petition.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of *John Malbone*, Esq. in Behalf of *Joseph Wanton*, an Infant, Son of the late *Joseph Wanton*, jun. Esq. deceased, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session, for Consideration. J. Malbone's Petition for J. Wanton referred.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Joslynn*, Esq. be, and he is hereby appointed a Committee-Man to enquire into the Expenditure of the Public Money, respecting Confiscated Estates and other Confiscations, in the Room of *Thomas Robinson*, Esq. who declines. T. Joslynn to enquire into Expenditures of Public Money.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, be advanced and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *John Carter*, towards his Account for printing done for the State, and that he account for the same. J. Carter allowed £.100

It is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money be advanced out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs *Southwick* and *Barber*, on Account of printing done for the State ; and that they Account for the same. Southwick and Barber allowed £.100

New Constitu-
tion to be
printed.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Report of the Convention, lately held at *Philadelphia*, proposing a new Constitution for the United States of *America*, be printed as soon as may be : That the following Number of Copies be sent to the several Town-Clerks in the State, to be distributed among the Inhabitants, that the Freemen may have an Opportunity of forming their Sentiments of the said proposed Constitution, to wit: For *Newport* 10, *Portsmouth* 25, *Middletown* 15, *New-Shoreham* 15, *Jamestown* 16, *Tivertown* 40, *Little-Compton* 36, *Providence* 10, *Smithfield* 75, *Scituate* 55, *Foster* 55, *Glocester* 60, *Cumberland* 40, *Cranston* 50, *Johnston* 30, *North-Providence* 20, *Westerly* 31, *North-Kingstown* 50, *South-Kingstown* 100, *Charlestown* 25, *Richmond* 25, *Exeter* 31, *Hopkinton* 30, *Bristol* 20, *Warren* 10, *Barrington* 10, *Warwick*, 56, *East-Greenwich* 25, *West-Greenwich* 22, and *Cove-try* 30.

J. Jenckes to
draw £.60

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes*, Esq, he, and he is hereby empowered to draw *Sixty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, and that he account for the same in the Settlement of his Account as a Commissioner in adjusting this State's Account with the United States.

B. Weeden al-
lowed £.1

It is Voted and Resolved, That *One Pound* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Benjamin Weeden*, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Washington*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for boarding *Samuel Williams*, committed for stealing Sheep.

Second Quar-
ter of State
Notes to be
paid,

RESOLVED, That each and every Person who was or is possessed of any of the Notes issued by the General-Treasurer of this State, carrying an Interest of Six per Centum per Annum, saving and excepting the Notes issued for the Redemption of the Four per Centum Notes, apply to the said Treasurer for one Quarter Part of the Amount of said Notes, ordered to be paid at *June* Session last, within Two Months from the Rising of this Assembly, for the said Quarter Part : That all those who shall neglect to make Application as aforesaid, shall forever after the Expiration of the said Time be precluded from receiving the same : And that the same shall be forfeit to and for the Use of this State.

N. Helme al-
lowed £.9/ 2½

It is Ordered, That the Secretary cause this Resolve to be published in the News-Papers of this State Three Weeks successively.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Two Pence Half Penny*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Nathaniel Helme*, jun. Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, &c. for the County of *Washington*, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for the Cost of Prosecution and Conviction of *Samuel Williams* for Theft at the Term of the said Court held in *October* instant.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings, ^{E. Tefft allowed £.14 8s.} Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Ebenezer Tefft for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Four Shillings Lawful ^{C. Gardner, jun. allowed £.7 4s.} Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Christopher Gardner, jun. for his Attendance on this Assembly at the present Session, as a Waiter.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seventeen Pounds Two Shillings Lawful ^{D. Douglass allowed £.17 2s.} Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. David Douglass, it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited for Candles furnished, and for his Attendance on this Assembly in March last, and at the present Session, as a Waiter.

WHEREAS Joshua Holmes, the 2d. who had a Petition pending before this Assembly, received a Protection from all Arrests for the Purpose of prosecuting the said Petition; and as the said Petition is now voted out, ^{J. Holmes's Protection void.}

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Protection be, and the same is hereby declared null and void: And that the said Joshua Holmes be, and he is subject and liable to be arrested in the same Manner as though no such Protection had been granted.

WHEREAS divers of the Inhabitants of the Town of Smithfield preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the Bridge over Pawtucket River at Woonsocket Falls, was formerly built by a Lottery at great Expence; that many Years past the said Bridge was greatly damaged by the Floods, and is now in such a decayed State that there must of Necessity be a new Bridge built; and that the Persons who have the Care of the said Bridge, on Examination find that a Bridge may be built a few Rods down Stream more convenient for the Public and entirely safe against Floods: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant them a Lottery to raise the Sum of Nine Hundred Pounds Lawful Money, for the Purpose of building the said Bridge; and that John Sayles and Eliza Bartlet, Esquires, and Messieurs Thomas Aldrich, Daniel Arnold, and John Pain, may be the Directors thereof: And the Premises being duly considered, ^{Lottery granted to build Bridge over Pawtucket River.}

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted, the Directors giving Bonds to the General-Treasurer in double the Sum of the Amount of the said Lottery, for the faithful Performance of their Trust.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and past by Beat of Drum in the Town of Newport in Ten Days after the Rising ^{Adjournment.}
D of

October, 1787.

of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and the same is hereby adjourned to the last Monday of *February* next, then to meet at the State-House in *Providence*, in the County of *Providence*.

GOD save the United States of AMERICA !

A true Copy, duly examined :

W I T N E S S,

Henry Ward Law

February, 1788.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last Monday in *February*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight, and in the Twelfth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

THE HONORABLE

DANIEL OWEN, ESQUIRE,

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR.

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THE SECRETARY.

DEPUTIES

February, 1788.

DEPUTIES FROM THE SEVERAL TOWNS.

The Honorable OTHNIEL GORTON, *Esq.* Speaker.

NEWPORT.

Henry Marchant, *Esq.*
George Champlin, *Esq.*
John Topham, *Esq.*
Daniel Mason, *Esq.*
Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE.

Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
Benjamin Bourne, *Esq.*
Joseph Nightingale, *Esq.*
Nathaniel Wheaton, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH.

Elijah Cobb, *Esq.*
Mr. Job Durfee,
Mr. Burrington Anthony.

WARWICK.

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Gideon Arnold,
Mr. Jonathan Gorton,
Mr. Anthony Holden.

WESTERLY.

Joseph Noyes, *Esq.*
Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM.

N O N E.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN.

James Congdon, *Esq.*
Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq.*
John Gardner, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH.

Joseph Fry, *Esq.*
Job Comstock, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN.

Rowland Robinson, *Esq.*

SMITHFIELD.

John Sayles, *Esq.*
Andrew Waterman, *Esq.*

SCITUATE.

Mr. Nathan Bates,
Mr. Caleb Westcot.

GLOUCESTER.

Mr. Seth Hunt,
Stephen Winsor, *Esq.*

CHARLESTON.

Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH.

Thomas Joffin, *Esq.*
Mr. William Matthewson.

COVENTRY.

Jeremiah Fenner, *Esq.*

EXETER.

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
Mr. Job Wilcox, *junr.*

MIDDLETOWN.

Elisha Allen, *Esq.*
Mr. Joseph Coggeshall.

BRISTOL.

William Bradford, *Esq.*
Shearjashub Bourne, *Esq.*

TIVERTON.

N O N E.

LITTLE-COMPTON.

Mr. George Simmons,
Nathaniel Searle, *Esq.*

WARREN.

Cromel Child, *Esq.*
Mr. Smith Bowen.

CUMBERLAND.

Mr. Levi Ballou,
Mr. Roger Sheldon.

RICHMOND.

James Sheldon, *Esq.*
Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON.

Mr. George Waterman,
Abraham Whipple, *Esq.*

HOPKINGTON.

David Nichols, *Esq.*

JOHNSTON.

Mr. William Waterman,
Mr. Philip Arnold.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE.

Mr. Edward Smith,
Thomas Olney, *Esq.*

BARRINGTON.

Mr. Nathaniel Martin.

FOSTER.

Mr. Jonathan Hopkins,
Mr. William Howard.

ROWSE J. HELME, *Esq.* Clerk of the Lower-House.

I*t is Voted and Resolved*, That Capt. *Thomas Arnold* be, and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Two Hundred and Sixteen Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury on Account of his Pension as an Invalid ; and that he account therefor. *T. Arnold allowed £. 16*

It is further Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer do not pay any Money to the said *Thomas Arnold* upon his Certificate as an Invalid until the further Orders of this Assembly.

UPON the Petition of *Katharine Green*, of *Portsmouth* :

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Katharine Greene* the First Dividend of a State Note in her Possession for £.286 12s. 2d. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied for Payment in due Season. Gran's of forfeited Dividends of State Notes, to wit : *K. Greene.*

UPON the Petition of *Mrs. Sarah Cole*, of *Warwick*, Widow : *S. Cole.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Sarah Cole* the First Dividend of a State Note and Impost Order in her Possession, which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied for Payment in due Season.

UPON the Petition of *Mr. Bailey Grinnell*, of *Little-Compton*, *B. Grinnell,*
Mariner :

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the said *Bailey Grinnell* the second Dividend of the Money due on the State Notes in his Possession, which Dividends were forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as though applied for in due Season.

UPON the Petition of *Mr. Robert Crossman*, of *Taunton*, in the *R. Crossman,*
Commonwealth of *Massachusetts* :

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Robert Crossman* the First Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.40 9s. 7d. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

UPON the Petition of *Mr. James Carder, jun.* of *Warwick* : *J. Carder, jun.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the said *James Carder, jun.* the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.56 13s. 2d. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

UPON

T. Weeden. UPON the Petition of Mr. *Thomas Weeden*, of *Exeter* :

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the said *Thomas Weeden* the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.8 11s. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

D. Chafe. ON the Petition of *Daniel Chafe*, of *Northkingstown* :

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Daniel Chafe* the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.25 7/10. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

S. Harris. UPON the Petition of Mrs. *Sarah Harris*, Widow of *Andrew Harris*, Esq. late of *Cranston*, deceased :

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the said *Sarah Harris* the two first Dividends of a State Note in her Possession for *Ninety Dollars*, which was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied for Payment in due Season.

S. Billings. UPON the Petition of Mr. *Samuel Billings* :

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Samuel Billings* the first Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.22 8s. Lawful Money, which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

J. Shearman. UPON the Petition of Mr. *John Shearman*, of *Portsmouth* :

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *John Shearman* the second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

T. Remington, jun. UPON the Petition of Mr. *Thomas Remington, jun.* of *Warwick* :

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Thomas Remington, jun.* the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.4 17/6 which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

UPON

UPON the Petition of Mr. *William Pearse*, of *Bristol* :

W. Pearse.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *William Pearse*, the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.16 13/7. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Thomas Lillibridge*, Mr. *Thomas T. Lillibridge*, *Rogers*, Mrs. *Mary Baker*, Mr. *Edward Lillibridge*, and Mr. *Joseph Tefft* :

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Thomas Lillibridge*, *Thomas Rogers*, *Mary Baker*, *Edward Lillibridge* and *Joseph Tefft*, the Second Dividend of State Notes in their Possession respectively, which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if they had applied for Payment in due Season:

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Stephen Hoxfie* :

S. Hoxfie.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the said *Stephen Hoxfie* the first and second Dividends of a State Note in his Possession for £.8 7/11. which Dividends were forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season:

UPON the Petition of Mr. *John Macomber*, of *Taunton*, in the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts* :

J. Macomber.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *John Macomber* the first Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.37 10/6. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *John Norris*, of *Bristol* :

J. Norris.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the said *John Norris* the second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.37 6/11. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Willson Spencer*, of *East-Greenwich* :

W. Spencer.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Willson Spencer*, the second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.41 4/4. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

J. Ingraham. UPON the Petition of Mr. *Joshua Ingraham*, of *Bristol* :

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the said *Joshua Ingraham* the first Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.52 8/2. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

E. Potter to
exchange
Lands pledged
to the State.

WHEREAS Mr. *Elisba Potter*, of *Richmond*, in the County of *Washington*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he mortgaged a Tract of Land in said *Richmond* to the State for about *Ninety Pounds* Lawful Money, since which he has sold the said Land and obliged himself to discharge the said Mortgage : And thereupon he prayed this Assembly, that upon his mortgaging other Land of sufficient Value in Lieu thereof, and giving Bonds to the General-Treasurer for the Interest unpaid ; and also giving Bonds to the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office for the Whole of the Principal, that the General-Treasurer and the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office, may be directed upon their Receipt of such Deed and Bonds, to deliver up the former Deed and Bonds and to discharge the same :

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be, and the same is hereby granted : That the new Mortgage be made on the same Principles and the Land be valued in the same Manner and by the same Persons as those first pledged : And that the Expence attending the said Valuation and Execution of the new Mortgage be paid by the said *Elisba Potter*.

General Treas-
urer to receive
Indents for
State Certifi-
cates.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to receive of the Keeper of the Continental Loan-Office the Indents for the Interest payable on the Certificates belonging to the State.

Committee on
J. Almy's Pe-
tition.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *George Champlin*, *Henry Marchant* and *William Channing*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inquire into the Subject Matter of a Petition preferred unto this Assembly by Mr. *Job Almy*, respecting his Land situate in *Newport* and *Middletown*, which Land was taken Possession of by the State by Reason of its being mortgaged to Mr. *Isaac Lawton*, an Absentee : That the said Committee make Report at the next Session ; and that the said *Job Almy* be, and he is hereby empowered to take Possession of the said Estate upon the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next, and to improve the same until further Orders of this Assembly.

Petition of the
Friends refer-
red.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of the Society of People called Quakers praying for a Repeal or Amendment of the Act making the Paper Currency of the State a lawful Tender, and of the Act limiting the bringing of personal Actions to Two Years, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS Mr. *Henry Littlefield*, of *Exeter*, preferred a Petition and represented to this Assembly, That in *December* last his Dwelling House in said *Exeter* took Fire and was entirely consumed together with his Household Furniture, Cloathing, Papers and Money to a greater Amount than he can with Certainty recollect: But that with entire Certainty he recollects to have lost, by the said melancholy Accident the Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds* in the Paper Emission of this State: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to direct the General-Treasurer to pay to him the aforesaid Sum of Money.

H. Littlefield
allowed £.125

AND whereas the said *Henry Littlefield* personally appeared before this Assembly, and being duly sworn made solemn Oath that the Facts set forth in the said Petition are strictly true:

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto the said *Henry Littlefield* out of the unloaned Money in his Office the Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds* Lawful Money, in Lieu of that Sum which was burnt in his House.

WHEREAS divers Commissions for Officers heretofore appointed by this Assembly have not been issued; and the Secretary hath prepared the same with the Expectation that His Excellency the Governor would be present at this Session and sign them; but he being prevented by Indisposition from attending, the said Commissions cannot immediately issue: And as it is expedient that they be sent forward as soon as may be,

Deputy-Gov-
ernor to sign
certain Com-
missions.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That his Honor the Deputy-Governor be, and he is hereby empowered and requested to sign the same; which shall thereupon be valid to all Intents and Purposes as if signed by His Excellency the Governor: And that His Honor the Deputy-Governor be allowed the lawful Fees for signing the same.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *John Rogers*, of *Middletown*:

J. Rogers, Sec-
to receive 2d
Dividend
State Note for-
feited.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *John Rogers*, the second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession, which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Oliver Carver*, of *Foster*:

O. Carver,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the said *Oliver Carver* the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession, for £.3 9/7. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

UPON

Committee to
adjust the Ac-
counts of J.
Andrews.

UPON the Petition of *John Andrews*, of *Cranston*, Esq.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Judgment obtained by him at the Inferior Court held in *Providence* in *June* last against the General-Treasurer, be, and the same is hereby declared null and void.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, by and with the Consent of the said *John Andrews*, that *Theodore Foster*, *Arthur Fenner* and *Ambrose Page*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed and authorized to make Inquiry into; and finally settle all the Accounts which the said *John Andrews* hath with the State: That they examine all the Judgments of Court heretofore obtained, and how the former Committees have adjusted the said Accounts: That if they have not heretofore been settled they proceed to do it as soon as may be: That if they or any Two of them shall agree their Determination shall be final: And that they make Report to this Assembly.

Allowance to
divers Inva-
lids,
J. Pratt £.40

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Jabez Pratt*, an Invalid, late a Soldier in the Continental Army and who is entitled to a Pension agreeably to a Resolution of Congress, be, and he is hereby allowed to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Forty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be accounted for by him towards his Pension as an Invalid: And that the General-Treasurer do not pay unto the said *Jabez Pratt* any further Sum as an Invalid, until the further Orders of this Assembly.

B. Rhodes £.40

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto *Bristol Rhodes*, an Invalid, late a Soldier in the Continental Army and who is entitled to a Pension agreeably to a Resolution of Congress, the Sum of *Forty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be accounted for by him towards his Pension as an Invalid: And that the General-Treasurer do not pay unto the said *Bristol Rhodes* any further Sum as an Invalid until the further Orders of this Assembly.

R. Sephton,
£.40.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *George Peirce*, Esq; be, and he is hereby empowered (by and with the Consent of *Richard Sephton*, an Invalid) to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Forty Pounds* Lawful Money, to and for the Use of the said *Richard Sephton*, to be accounted for by him in the Settlement of his Pension as an Invalid: And that the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed not to pay to the said *Richard Sephton* any further Sum as an Invalid, until the further Orders of this Assembly.

M. Hanley
£.40.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Matthew Hanley*, late a Soldier in the Continental Army, and who is entitled to a Pension agreeably to a Resolution of Congress, be and he is hereby allowed to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Forty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be accounted for by him towards his Pension as an Invalid: And that the General-

neral-Treasurer do not pay unto the said *Matthew Hanley* any further Sum as an Invalid, until the further Orders of this Assembly.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *William Hall*, one of the *T. Slocum* Town-Council of the Town of *Portsmouth*, be, and he is hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury *Forty Pounds* Lawful Money, for the Support of *John Slocum*, an Invalid, who is entitled to a Pension agreeably to a Resolution of Congress; to be accounted for in the Settlement of the said Invalid's Pension: And that the General-Treasurer do not pay unto the said *John Slocum* any further Sum as an Invalid, until the further Orders of this Assembly. £.40

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Anthony*, an Invalid, late a Soldier in the Continental Army and who is entitled to a Pension agreeably to a Resolution of Congress, be, and he is hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sum of *Forty Pounds* Lawful Money, to be accounted for by him towards his Pension as an Invalid: And that the General-Treasurer do not pay unto the said *John Anthony* any further Sum as an Invalid, until the further Orders of this Assembly. J. Anthony
£.40

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Jonathan Peck*, of *Bristol*:

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Jonathan Peck* the first and second Dividends of State Notes in his Possession to the Amount of about *Eighty Pounds* Lawful Money, which Dividends were forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

Grants to divers Persons of Dividends of forfeited Notes.
J. Peck.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Eleazer Whipple*, of *North-Providence*:

E. Whipple.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto the aforesaid *Eleazer Whipple* the second Dividend of Four State Notes in his Possession for *£.20 3/24*, *£.19 £.3 15/5* and *£.3 7/*, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for the same in due Season.

UPON the Petition of *John Harris*, of *Cranston*:

J. Harris.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *John Harris* the second Dividend of Two State Notes in his Possession for *£.103 4/*, which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *William Burton*, of *Cranston*:

W. Burton.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *William Burton* the second Dividend

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vidend of Two State Notes in his Possession amounting to £.46 12/2. and one Impost Order for £.2 2/8½. which said Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

S. Brayton,
&c.

UPON the Petition of Messieurs *Stephen Brayton, Simon Aldrich, James Mussey, Israel Harris, Joshua Jenckes* and *Luke Arnold*, all of *Smithfield* :

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto the aforesaid *Stephen Brayton, Simon Aldrich, James Mussey, Israel Harris, Joshua Jenckes* and *Luke Arnold*, the Second Dividend of State Notes in their Possession (being one to each) and which said Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if they had respectively applied for Payment in due Season.

P. Arnold.

UPON the Petition of Mrs. *Philadelphia Arnold*, of *Smithfield* :

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Philadelphia Arnold* the First Dividend of a State Note in her Possession for £.3 10/9. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied for the same in due Season.

B. Arnold.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Elisba Arnold*, of *Smithfield* :

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Elisba Arnold* the first Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.5 11/4½. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

E. Bartlet.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Elisba Bartlet*, of *Smithfield* :

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the said *Elisba Bartlet*, the first Dividend of Three Impost Orders in his Possession, which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

A. Kimball.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Aja Kimball*, of *Gloucester* :

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Aja Kimball* the second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.52 18s. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season.

Committee on
S. Gardner's
Petition.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *George Champlin* and *Sa-muel J. Potter*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to inquire

quire into the Facts set forth in a Petition preferred unto this Assembly by Mr. *Samuel Gardiner*, of *South-Kingstown*, respecting the Rents due to him from *Abijah Babcock* for his Farm in *South-Kingstown*, in the Year 1779 and before, which Rent was paid into the General-Treasury : And that the said Committee make Report as soon as may be.

UPON the Petition of *Nicholas Camble*, a Native of *Malta*, in the *N. Camble's* *Mediterranean*, who has been a Resident of this State from the Year 1774, praying for an Act of Naturalization : *Petition granted.*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted : And that an Act of Naturalization be drawn for the extending the Benefit of Citizenship to the said *Nicholas Camble*.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed forthwith to pay unto *William Ellery*, Esq. Keeper of the Continental Loan-Office in this State, all the Indents, Team and Invalid Certificates which he hath received in Payment of any Continental Tax ; and that he take his Receipt therefor. *General Treasurer to pay Indents, &c. into the Loan-Office.*

UPON the Petition of *Samuel Cranston*, of *Warren* :

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the aforesaid *Samuel Cranston*, the second Dividend of Two State Notes in his Possession, amounting to £.92 19/10. which Dividend was forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. *S. Cranston to receive 2d Dividend of Notes forfeited.*

WHEREAS *Jonathan F. Hazard* and *James Sheldou*, Esquires, who were appointed, at the last Session, a Committee to consider the Petition of *Richard Gardiner*, Esq. some Time since a Tax-Gatherer for the Town of *South-Kingstown*, whose Estate was sold for Arrearages of Taxes, and purchased for the Use of the State, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit : *R. Gardiner's Estate to be reconveyed. In Case*

IN Submission to our Appointment we have met and examined the Rate-Bills of *Richard Gardiner*, Esq. the Petitioner, and find there is due on the said Bills, as appears by their not being crossed or discharged, the Sum of

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| The Interest due at 12 per Cent. is | £.536 | 13 | 7 |
| The Fees due from the Inhabitants amount to | 330 | 1 | 9 |
| | 35 | 14 | 8 |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | £.902 | 10 | 0 |
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WE likewise find, by a Certificate from *Joseph Clarke*, Esq. General-Treasurer, dated *February 26th*, A. D. 1788, that there is due from the said *Richard Gardiner* to the State £.469 3/7.

ALL

ALL which is submitted by,

Jonathan J. Hazard,
James Sheldon, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted; that the Prayer of the said Petition be granted: And that, upon the Payment of the said Sum due for Principal and Interest, for Taxes in Arrear, the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed and empowered to make and execute a Deed of the said Estate to the said *Richard Gardiner* in Fee Simple.

Forfeited Divi-
dend of State
Securities to be
paid to *J.*
Wheaton.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *James Wheaton*, of *Pomfret*, in the State of *Connecticut*:

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said *James Wheaton* be, and he is hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the two first Dividends of a State Note for £.10 1/4. and of an Impost Order for £.1 16/24. both in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had seasonably applied for Payment.

And to *J.*
Knight.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Job Knight*, of *Cranston*:

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said *Job Knight* be, and he is hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the second Dividend of Two State Notes, amounting to £.12 4/1. which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

J. Smith al-
lowed £.40.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Forty Pounds Lawful Money be allowed and paid out the General-Treasury to Mr. *John Smith*, an enrolled Invalid in this State, upon Account of his Pension; and that no more be paid him, upon that Account, until further Orders from this Assembly.

S. Kinnicut al-
lowed £.24 12/

WHEREAS *Shubael Kinnicut*, Esq. Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged against the State, for Attendance upon the General Assembly and Courts, for delivering Acts of Assembly, and Commissions, at divers Times, &c. And whereas *Job Comstock*, Esq. Mr. *Daniel Mason*, and *Samuel J. Potter*, Esq. who were appointed to audit the aforesaid Account, presented the following Report, to wit:

WE the Subscribers, being appointed to settle the Account of *Shubael Kinnicut*, Esq. do report, that we find due thereon the Sum of Twenty-four Pounds Twelve Shillings Lawful Money.

Job Comstock,
Daniel Mason,
Samuel J. Potter, } Committee.

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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted : And that the aforesaid Sum of *Twenty-four Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be paid to the said *Shubael Kinnicut* out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Major *Daniel Box*, an enrolled Invalid in this State, on Account of his Pension ; and that nothing more be paid him, on that Account, until further Orders from this Assembly. *D. Box* allowed £.100.

It is Voted and Resolved, upon the Petition of Mr. *Frederick Williams*, of *Cranston*, that he be empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury the second Dividend of Two State Notes in his Possession, amounting to £.137 4/9. which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in Season. Forfeited Dividend of State Securities to be paid to *F. Williams*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty-five Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Briton Saltonstall*, an enrolled Invalid in this State, on Account of his Pension : And that nothing more be paid him upon that Account until further Orders from this Assembly. *B. Saltonstall* allowed £.35.

It is Voted and Resolved, upon the Petition of Mr. *Daniel Thornton*, of *Johnston*, that he be empowered to receive the second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for upwards of £.100, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in Season. Forfeited Dividend of a State Note to be paid to *D. Thornton*.

It is Voted and Resolved, upon the Petition of Mr. *William Goff*, of *Coventry*, that he be empowered to draw the second Dividend of a State Note issued to him, which Dividend is forfeited, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in Season. And to *W. Goff*.



AN ACT submitting to the Consideration of the Freemen of this State, the Report of the Convention of Delegates for a Constitution for the United States, as agreed on in *Philadelphia*, the 17th of *September*, A. D. 1787. Act directing the Constitution, proposed by the Convention held in *Philadelphia*, to be laid before the Freemen at large.

WHEREAS the Honorable the Continental Congress did heretofore recommend to the Legislatures of the respective States, to appoint Delegates to meet in Convention, at *Philadelphia*, in *May*, A. D. 1787, to make such Alterations and Amendments in the present Confederation of the United States as would tend to promote the Happiness, good Government and Welfare of the Federal Union : And

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whereas the said Delegates, on the 17th Day of *September*, 1787, did agree upon, and report to the Congress of the United States, a Form of a Constitution for the United States of *America*: And whereas the said United States in Congress assembled did, by a Resolution passed the 28th Day of *September*, A. D. 1787, transmit said Report to the Legislature of this State, to be submitted to the Consideration of the People thereof: And whereas this Legislative Body, in General Assembly convened, conceiving themselves Representatives of the great Body of the People at large, and that they cannot make any Innovations in a Constitution which has been agreed upon, and the Compact settled between the Governors and Governed, without the express Consent of the Freemen at large, by their own Voices individually taken in Town-Meetings assembled: Wherefore, for the Purpose aforesaid, and for submitting the said Constitution for the United States to the Consideration of the Freemen of this State:

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Fourth Monday in *March* Instant be, and the same is hereby appointed, the Day for all the Freemen and Freeholders within this State, to convene in their respective Towns, in Town-Meetings assembled, and to deliberate upon, and determine each Individual (who hath a Right by Law to vote for the Choice of General Officers) by himself by Poll, whether the said Constitution for the United States shall be adopted or negatived.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks in the respective Towns shall forthwith issue their Warrants for the convening of the Freemen and Freeholders to meet, on said Fourth Monday of *March* Instant, at such Place where the Town-Meetings are usually holden: And the same shall be directed to the Town-Serjeants and Constables of the respective Towns, who shall cause Notifications to be set up in the most public Places of Resort within such Towns: and also shall repair to the usual Place of Abode of the Freemen and Freeholders in such Town, and give them Notice of the Meeting aforesaid, for the Purpose aforesaid. The said Town-Serjeants and Constables to have particular Districts pointed out to them, to warn the Freemen and Freeholders, so as not to interfere with each other's District, that all the Freemen and Freeholders may, if possible, have Notice and attend accordingly. And upon the Convention of said Freemen, they shall appoint a Moderator, who shall regulate such Meeting: and the Voices of the Freemen and Freeholders shall be taken by Yeas and Nays, and the Town-Clerk of each Town shall register the Name of each and every Freeman and Freeholder, with the Yea or Nay, as he shall respectively give his Voice aloud, in open Town-Meeting, and shall keep the Original in his Office, and shall make out a true and fair certified Copy of the Register aforesaid, with the Yeas and Nays of each and every Person thereon, and carefully seal the same up, and direct it to the General Assembly, to be holden by Adjournment, at *East-Greenwich*, in the County of *Kent*, on the last Monday of *March* Instant, and deliver the same to
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one of the Representatives of such Town, or other careful Person, who will take Charge of the same, to be delivered to the said General Assembly, then and there to be opened, that the Sentiments of the People may be known respecting the same.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in Case it shall so happen that the said Fourth Monday of March Instant, shall prove to be stormy or boisterous Weather, so that the Freemen and Freeholders in general cannot conveniently attend, the said Town-Meeting may adjourn, from Day to Day, not exceeding three Days, so that the Voices of the People may be taken.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary shall forthwith transmit to each Town-Clerk of the respective Towns within this State a Copy of this Act.



It is Voted and Resolved, upon the Petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips, That she be empowered to receive the Second Dividend of an Impost Order, in her Possession, for £.2 18s. which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied for Payment in Season. Forfeited Dividend of a State Security to be paid to E. Phillips.

UPON the Petition of Peleg Crofs, of Charlestown, Esq. as Administrator of the Estate of James Crofs, deceased : And to P. Crofs.

It is Voted and Resolved, That he be empowered to receive the First Dividend of a State Note in his Possession, in his aforesaid Capacity, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if Application for Payment had been made in Season.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seventeen Pounds Twelve Shillings Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Nehemiah Knight, Esq. Sheriff of the County of Providence ; it being the Amount of his Account for Wood and Candles provided for the General-Assembly and Inferior Court, &c. N. Knight allowed £.17 12s

It is Voted and Resolved, That Col. Jeremiah Olney, be empowered to draw the Sum of Fifty Pounds, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for the Use of Prince Jenckes, an enrolled Invalid in this State, upon Account of his Pension ; and that nothing more be paid the said Invalid upon that Account until further Orders from this Assembly. P. Jenckes allowed £.50.

It is Voted and Resolved, That George Bradford, and Peter Barrow, Two enrolled Invalids in this State, be severally empowered to draw Forty Pounds Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasurer on Account of their Pensions ; and that the General-Treasury pay no more to either of them on that Account, without further Orders from this Assembly. G. Bradford and P. Barrow allowed £.40. each.

WHEREAS

Superior
Courts revived

WHEREAS the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General-Gaol-Delivery, in several Counties, have been prevented from convening at the usual and stated Terms, as also agreeably to Adjournments of said Court and special Terms, ordered by Acts of the General-Assembly, by the Inclemency of the Weather, and other unavoidable Accidents, whereby much Injustice will take Place unless the Business which was pending to be heard and determined before the said Court when the same fell through, be revived: Wherefore,

It is Resolved by this General-Assembly, That all Business which at any Time was to have been heard and determined at any of the said Terms, or any Adjournment thereof, in any County within this State, and failed of being heard and determined by Reason of the Justices of said Court not convening, be revived, and be heard and determined at the next and respective Terms of said Court, to be holden in the several Counties where the said Business was to have been heard and determined, in the same Manner as though the said Court had convened at the respective Terms and Adjournments aforesaid.

It is further Voted, That all Executions and other Process returnable to the said Court at the Terms and Adjournments aforesaid, be returnable to the said Court at the next Terms thereof in the several Counties.

P. Arnold and
J. J. Hazard
allowed £.300
each.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Peleg Arnold and Jonathan J. Hazard, Esquires, Two of the Delegates to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, be, and they are hereby requested to take their Seats in Congress as soon as may be: And that they severally be empowered to draw the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury for that Purpose; to be accounted for in the Settlement of their Accounts.

Committee to
audit the Sec-
retary's Ac-
counts.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Ebenezer Thompson, and Rowse J. Helme, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Secretary; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

R. Rodman
and D. Shear-
man allowed
£.40 each.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs Robert Rodman and Daniel Shearman be severally empowered to draw the Sum of Forty Pounds Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, and that they respectively account for the same in the Settlement of their Accounts for the Support of Mingo Rodman, a Pauper of the State at large.

D. Cooke al-
lowed £.60

It is Voted and Resolved, That Daniel Cooke, Esq. be empowered to draw the Sum of Sixty Pounds Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, for Services done in the Secretary's Office; and that the same be charged to the Secretary.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer receive of ^{General Treas} Mr. *Jeremiah Brown*, on Account of the Rent of the Point-Farm, so ^{fully to receive} called, a State Certificate given to Mr. *Jonathan Peck*, for Fifty-one ^{a State Note of} Dollars $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{6}{8}$; he the said *Jeremiah Brown* paying the Remainder of the said Rent in Money. *J. Brown.*

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Roscoe J. Helme*, Esq. be paid the ^{J. Helme al-} Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds* out of the General-Treasury, on Ac- ^{lowed £.200} count of his Services and Expences, as Commissioner for settling the Accounts of this State with the United States; and that he account for the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Balance due upon a Note given ^{A State Note} by the General-Treasury to *Ezekiel Gardner*, Esq. for *Twenty-two* ^{to be paid to} *Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Seven Pence* Lawful Silver Money, be ^{E. Gardner.} received by the Collector of Taxes for the Town of *North-Kingstown*, on Account of the State Taxes due from the said *Ezekiel Gardner*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Mrs. Hannah Potter* be empowered ^{H. Potter to} to receive the second Dividend of a State Note in her Possession for ^{be paid a for-} *£.11 5/11* in the same Manner as if she had applied for Payment in ^{feited Dividend} Season, ^{of a State Note.}

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* Lawful ^{Southwick and} Money be paid out of the General-Treasury to *Solomon Southwick*, ^{Barber allow-} Esq. and Mr. *Henry Barber*, towards their Account for printing done ^{ed £.60} for the State; and that they account for the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons holding the Notes of ^{Third Divi-} this State, signed by the General-Treasurer thereof, and of which ^{dend of the} Two-fourth Parts have been by Law directed to be paid; apply to ^{State Notes to} the said General-Treasurer on or before the Tenth Day of May next; for ^{be paid.} a Third Quarter Part of the Amount of the said Notes, and interest thereon; which the said Treasurer is hereby directed to pay accordingly:

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Holders of such Notes as aforesaid, who shall not apply and receive the said Third Quarter Part as aforesaid, shall forever thereafter be excluded from receiving it: And the same shall be forfeit, to and for the Use of this State.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *John Carter* be empowered to ^{J. Carter al-} draw the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* Lawful Money, out ^{lowed £.150} of the General-Treasury towards his Account for printing done for the State; and that he account for the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Seven Pounds Four Shil-* ^{N. Branch al-} *lings* Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Trea- ^{lowed £.7 4/4} sury to Mr. *Nicholas Branch*, in full of his Account, for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

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H. Bowen allowed £. 15 4s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Henry Bowen*, in full of his Account for attending as a Waiter upon this Assembly at the Second Session in *October*, A. D. 1786, and at the present Session, &c.

H. Bowen, jun. allowed £. 14 8s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of *Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings* Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry Bowen*, jun. in full of his Account for attending upon this Assembly, as a Waiter, at the Second Session in *October*, A. D. 1786, and at the present Session.

J. Whitmore allowed £. 7 5s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Seven Pounds Four Shillings* Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Jesse Whitmore*, in full of his Account for attending upon this Assembly, at the present Session, as a Waiter.

State Notes to be received for Taxes. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Collectors of Taxes in this State receive in Payment, in Lieu of Money, all those State Notes which were given for Six per Cent. Notes, not exceeding the Sum of *Ten Pounds* each, exclusive of the Interest; provided the First Dividend of such Notes hath been paid agreeably to the Acts of this Assembly: And that the General-Treasurer receive the same of the Collectors of Taxes.

Adjournment. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the Several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties: And that this Assembly be, and hereby is, adjourned to the last Monday in *March*, A. D. 1788, then to meet at the State-House, in *East-Greenwich*.

GOD save the United States of AMERICA!

A true Copy, duly examined :

W I T N E S S,

Henry Ward

March, 1788.

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence Plantations*, begun and holden by Adjournment at *East-Greenwich*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last Monday in *March*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight, and in the Twelfth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, ESQUIRE,

G O V E R N O R.

THE HONORABLE

DANIEL OWEN, ESQUIRE,

DEPUTY-GOVERNOR,

THEODORE FOSTER, Esq.
JOSEPH STANTON, jun: Esq.
JOHN WILLIAMS, Esq.
SYLVANUS SAYLES, Esq.
JAMES ARNOLD, Esq.
WILLIAM CONGDON, Esq.
CALEB GARDNER, Esq.
JOHN COOKE, Esq.

} Assistants.

HENRY SHERBURNE, Esq. Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

March, 1788.

DEPUTIES FROM THE SEVERAL TOWNS.

The Honorable OTHNIEL GORTON, *Esq.* Speaker.

NEWPORT.

George Hazard, *Esq.*
Henry Marchant, *Esq.*
George Champlin, *Esq.*
John Topham, *Esq.*
Daniel Mafon, *Esq.*
Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE.

Welcome Arnold, *Esq.*
Benjamin Bourne, *Esq.*
Joseph Nightingale, *Esq.*
Nathaniel Wheaton, *Esq.*

PORTSMOUTH.

Mr. Job Durfee,
Mr. Burrington Anthony.

WARWICK.

Mr. Speaker,
Mr. Gideon Arnold,
Mr. Jonathan Gorton,
Mr. Anthony Holden:

WESTERCY.

Joseph Noyes, *Esq.*
Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM.

N O N E.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN.

James Congdon, *Esq.*
Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq.*
John Gardner, *Esq.*

EAST-GREENWICH.

Joseph Fry, *Esq.*
Job Comstock, *Esq.*

JAMESTOWN.

Rowland Robinson, *Esq.*

SMITHFIELD.

John Sayles, *Esq.*
Andrew Waterman, *Esq.*

SCITUATE.

Mr. Nathan Bates,
Mr. Caleb Westcot.

GLOUCESTER.

Mr. Seth Hunt,
Stephen Winsor, *Esq.*

CHARLESTON.

Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq.*

WEST-GREENWICH.

Thomas Joslin, *Esq.*
Mr. William Matthewson.

COVENTRY.

William Burlingame, *Esq.*
Jeremiah Fenner, *Esq.*

EXETER.

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
Mr. Job Wilcox, jun.

MIDDLETOWN.

N O N E.

BRISTOL.

William Bradford, *Esq.*
Shearjashub Bourne, *Esq.*

TIVERTON.

Mr. Benjamin Howland,
Thomas Durfee, *Esq.*

LITTLE-COMPTON.

Nathaniel Searle, *Esq.*

WARREN.

Cromel Child, *Esq.*
Mr. Smith Bowen.

CUMBERLAND.

Levi Ballow, *Esq.*

RICHMOND.

James Sheldon, *Esq.*
Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON.

George Waterman, *Esq.*
Abraham Whipple, *Esq.*

HOPKINGTON.

Mr. Oliver Davis,
David Nichols, *Esq.*

JOHNSTON.

Mr. William Waterman,
Mr. Philip Arnold.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE.

Mr. Edward Smith,
Thomas Olney, *Esq.*

BARRINGTON.

Mr. Nathaniel Martin.

FOSTER.

Jonathan Hopkins, jun. *Esq.*
Mr. William Howard.

ROWSE J. HELME, *Esq.* Clerk of the Lower-House.

I*t is Voted and Resolved*, That Mr. *Abraham Clarke* and Mrs *Mary Clarke* be severally empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of a State Note belonging to each of them, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if they had applied for Payment in Season. Forfeited Dividends of State Securities to be paid to A. and M. Clarke.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Thomas Greene*, of *Newport*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of a small State Note, and several small Impost Orders in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To T. Greene.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Joseph Sisson*, of *Portsmouth*, and Mr. *Edward Perry*, of *Newport*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of a State Note for £.30, issued to them jointly, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if they had applied for Payment in due Season. To J. Sisson and E. Perry.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Peter Clarke*, of *Richmond*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of a State Note for £.40 15/11 $\frac{1}{2}$, in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To P. Clarke.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Samuel Crofs*, of *Charlestown*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the First and Second Dividends of a State Note for £.9 10/3. in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To S. Crofs.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Samuel Tanner*, of *West-Greenwich*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury, the Whole of a State Note for £.3 14/5. in his Possession; Part of which is forfeited to the State. To S. Tanner.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *John Parker*, of *Roxbury*, in the Commonwealth of *Massachusetts*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the First Dividend of a State Note issued to him for £.61 9/10. which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To J. Parker.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Timothy Gladding*, of *Providence*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the First Dividend of Eight State Notes in his Possession, amounting to £.170 16/3. which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To T. Gladding.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mrs *Martha Fenner* be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of a State Note in her Possession for £.48. which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied in due Season for Payment. To M. Fenner.
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- To T. Owen.* *It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Thomas Owen*, of *Gloucester*, *Esq.*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the First Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.7 2/8. which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To S. Congdon.* *It is Voted and Resolved;* That *Mr. Stephen Congdon*, of *North-Kingstown*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.18 14/11. which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To J. Cooper.* *It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Mr. James Cooper*, of *North-Kingstown*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of Two State Notes in his Possession, amounting to £.34 6/10. which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.
- To N. Sheldon.* *It is Voted and Resolved;* That *Mr. Nicholas Sheldon*, of *Cranston*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of Five State Notes amounting to £.78 14/6 1/2. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To J. Gardner.* *It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Mr. John Gardner*, of *Exeter*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of Two State Notes, amounting to £.86 19/10. and of Two Impost Orders amounting to £.10. in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To J. Baker.* *It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Mr. Joseph Baker* be empowered to receive out the General-Treasury, the Whole of a State Note for £.5 19/9. in his Possession; Part of which is forfeited to the State, and the Two First Dividends of an Impost Order for £.11 2/9 1/2. also in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To W. Briggs.* *It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Mr. William Briggs*, of *North-Kingstown*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of Two State Notes, amounting to £.15 12/10. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.
- To M. Whipple.* *It is Voted and Resolved,* That *Miss Mary Whipple*, of *Providence*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Two First Dividends of a State Note for £.2 17/4. in her Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied for Payment in due Season.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mrs. *Martha Shearman*, of *Portsmouth*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of a State Note for £.3 19/1. in her Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied for Payment in due Season. To M. Shearman.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *William Willbourn*, of *Johnston*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Two First Dividends of a State Note for £.6 1 3/4. in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment. To W. Willbourn.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *John Baker*, of *Exeter*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Two First Dividends of a State Note for £.20 15/1. in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment. To J. Baker.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Henry Randall*, of *Cranston*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of Two State Notes, amounting to £.64 19/8. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To H. Randall.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *David Durfee*, of *Tiverton*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Two First Dividends of a State Note for £.16 14/1. in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To D. Durfee.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Elias Lewis* be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of a State Note for about £.66. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment. To E. Lewis.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. *Stephen Potter*, of *Hopkinton*, be empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Second Dividend of a State Note for £.27 18/8. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To S. Potter.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Richard Borden* and *William Borden*, both of *Johnston*, be severally empowered to draw the First and Second Dividends of Two State Notes in their Possession, the Note belonging to the said *Richard Borden* being for £.3 1 3/3. and that of the said *William Borden* for £.5 4/1. which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if they had applied for Payment in due Season. To R. Borden and W. Borden.

- To J. Wells.** *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Jonathan Wells, of Hopkinton, the Two First Dividends of a State Note for £.3 13/8. in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To P. Westcot.** *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mrs Phebe Westcot, of Cranston, the Second Dividend of a State Note for £.14 7/8. in her Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied in due Season for Payment.
- To L. Martin.** *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Luther Martin, of Barrington, the First Dividend of an Impost Order under £.10. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To E. Angell.** *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Enoch Angell, of North-Providence, the Second Dividend of a State Note for £.26. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To N. Angell.** *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Nathan Angell, of Providence, the Second Dividend of Four State Notes, amounting to £.758 9/12. and the Two First Dividends of several Impost Orders, amounting to £.45 10/2. the said Notes and Orders being in his Possession, and the said Dividends being forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To B. Allen.** *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Benjamin Allen, of Attleborough, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Second Dividend of Two State Notes, amounting to £.63 15/10. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To P. Matthews.** *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Peregrine Matthewson the Whole of a State Note for £.8 11/2. in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State.
- To U. Mowry jun.** *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Uriah Mowry, jun. the Whole of a State Note in his Possession for £.6 12f. Part of which is forfeited to the State.
- To J. Pray.** *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. John Pray the Second Dividend of Two State Notes, amounting to £.39 3/4. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To W. Collins.** *It is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. William

William Collins, of East-Greenwich, the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession for £.18 16/. which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Timothy Brownell, of Hillsdale, in the State of New-York, the First and Second Dividends of Two State Notes, amounting to £.49 14/3 $\frac{1}{2}$. To T. Brownell. in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That a State Note belonging to Mr. Eliza Clark, of Westerly, dated July 7th, A. D. 1778, for £.10. To E. Clark. Part of which Note is forfeited to the State, be consolidated; and that the General-Treasurer pay the Whole of the said Note, after Consolidation, to the said *Eliza Clark*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. William James, of Richmond, the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To W. James.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Matthew Wattson, Esq. the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To M. Wattson.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Christopher Smith the Second Dividend of a State Note in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To C. Smith.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Josiah Kent, of Rehoboth, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Whole of a State Note for a Sum less than Ten Pounds, in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State. To J. Kent.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Jeremiah Finney, of Bristol, the Second Dividend of Two State Notes in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To J. Finney.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Ambrose Cole, of Barrington, the Second Dividend of Two State Notes in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. To A. Cole.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Thomas Brownell, Esq. and Mrs. Phebe Wilbour, both of Little-Compton, severally, the Second Dividend of a State Note each of them is possessed To T. Brownell and P. Wilbour.

possessed of, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if they had applied in due Season for Payment.

To P. Cook and P. Davenport. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Messrs. Peleg Cook and Pardon Davenport the Whole of Two State Notes in their Possession, Part of which are forfeited to the State.

To J. Pitcher. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. John Pitcher, of East-Greenwich, the Second Dividends of a State Note for £.26 14/8. and of Three Impost Orders amounting to £.5 1/4. in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

To S. Mowry. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Stephen Mowry, of Smithfield, the Second Dividend of a State Note for £.16 18/6. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

To H. Congdon. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Henry Congdon, of North-Kingstown, the Second Dividend of a State Note for £.25. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

To E. Mann. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Elipha Mann, of Franklin, in Vermont, the Two First Dividends of a State Note for £.34 15/3. in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

To J. Clarke. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Joshua Clarke, of Richmond, the Second Dividend of a State Note for £.12 1/4. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

To S. Stanton. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Samuel Stanton, of Richmond, the Whole of a State Note for £.2 6/5. Part of which is forfeited to the State.

To C. Allen. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Christopher Allen, of North-Kingstown, the Second Dividend of a State Note for £.40 4/10. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

To W. Brayton. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. William Brayton, of Coventry, the Second Dividend of Six State Notes

Notes, amounting to near £.300. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. ^{To T. Mat-}
Thomas Matteson, of *Coventry*, the Second Dividends of Two State ^{son.}
Notes, amounting to £.30 5/5. and of Two Impost Orders amount-
ing to £.9 19/9 $\frac{1}{4}$. in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to
the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for
Payment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. ^{To J. Rhodes;}
James Rhodes, of *Warwick*, the Second Dividend of a State Note for
£.3 6/11. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the State;
in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. ^{To S. Tomp-}
Samuel Tompkins, of *Cranston*, the Second Dividend of a State Note ^{kins}
for £.33 6/1. in his Possession, which Dividend is forfeited to the
State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due
Season.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. ^{To W. Bab-}
William Babcock, of *Westerly*, the First Dividend of a State Note in ^{cock.}
his Possession for about £.20. which Dividend is forfeited to the State,
in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. ^{To J. Cole,}
John Colegrove, of *Coventry*, the Whole of a State Note in his Posses- ^{grove.}
sion for £.3 16/8. Part of which hath been forfeited to the State.

WHEREAS Mr. *Alexander Hopkins*, of *West-Greenwich*, preferred a ^{A. Hopkins al-}
Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that at the Term of the ^{lowed £.115.}
Superior Court held in the County of *Kent*, in *April*; A. D. 1782, he
was committed to Gaol upon Suspicion of being concerned in burn-
ing the Barn of *Othniel Gorton*, Esq. and made an Escape, with Design
to procure Bail, and take his Trial at the then next Term of the said
Court: That thereupon this Assembly directed the Sheriff of the
County aforesaid to seize and sell his Estate, who took a Negro Boy
of about Thirteen Years of Age, a Slave of the Petitioner, One Cow
and Four Sheep, and, by Order of this Assembly, sold the said Slave
until he should arrive to the Age of Twenty-one Years, when he was
to be free, and his other Property, and paid the Money arising there-
from into the General-Treasury: And that he procured Bail and ap-
peared at the then next Term of the said Court to take his Trial; but
being innocent, he was acquitted without Trial, and discharged from
his Recognizance: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly for Re-
lief: Which Petition was referred to a Committee, who made the
following Report, to wit:

WE the Subscribers, agreeably to our Appointment, met at *East-Greenwich*, upon the 5th Day of *December*, A. D. 1787, and, upon deliberate Consideration of the Petition of *Mr. Alexander Hopkins*, beg Leave to report, that he be allowed the Sum of *One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money, in Consideration of the Property taken from him, as mentioned in his said Petition.

William Burlingame,
Gideon Arnold,
Thomas Joslin. } Committee.

ALL which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Report be accepted: And that the said *Alexander Hopkins* be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury the aforesaid Sum of *One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money, in full Compensation for his Property sold as aforesaid.

P. Edes allowed
 £.30.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Peter Edes* be empowered to draw the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, in Part of his Demand for printing done for the State; and that he account for the same.

Com. upon W.
 Potter's Petition.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *George Champlin* and *Daniel Mason* be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to take into Consideration the Petition of *William Potter*, late a Captain in one of the Continental Battalions raised by this State, praying for an Allowance for Wages and Depreciation; and that they report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Grant for Re-
 pairing Paw-
 sucket Bridge.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Stephen Jenckes*, and *Oziel Wilkenson*, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to repair *Pawtucket* Bridge, and empowered to draw the Sum of *Forty-five Pounds* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury for that Purpose; and that they exhibit to this Assembly an Account of the Expence of repairing the same.

Com. to con-
 fer with the
 Keeper of the
 Loan-Office.

WHEREAS the General-Treasurer informed this Assembly that pursuant to an Order made at the last Session he had waited upon *William Ellery*, Esq. Keeper of the Continental Loan-Office in this State to make Payment of the Indents, Teamsters and Invalids Certificates received into the General-Treasury in Payment of Continental Taxes, who told him that he could not receive the Invalids Certificates, nor any of the Teamsters Certificates, but those issued by *Edward Chinn*, Esq. and that by Reason thereof he did not make any Payment:

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Sherburne* and *George Champlin*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to ascertain the Amount of the Requisitions of Congress against this State that remain undischarged, to the Payment whereof the said Indents

Indents and Certificates may be applied : That they confer with the said *William Ellery*, and learn what obstructs their Reception : And that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

WHEREAS the following List and Report were presented unto this Assembly, to wit :

| | Yeas | Nays | | Yeas | Nays | Account of the Votes upon the New Constitu- tion. |
|-------------------------|------|------|--------------------------|------|------|--|
| <i>Newport,</i> | 1 | 10 | <i>Exeter,</i> | 6 | 136 | |
| <i>Providence,</i> | 0 | 1 | <i>Bristol,</i> | 26 | 23 | |
| <i>Warwick,</i> | 3 | 140 | <i>Tiverton,</i> | 23 | 92 | |
| <i>Portsmouth,</i> | 12 | 60 | <i>Little-Compton,</i> | 63 | 57 | |
| <i>Westerly,</i> | 12 | 56 | <i>Warren,</i> | 2 | 41 | |
| <i>South-Kingstown,</i> | 1 | 125 | <i>Cumberland,</i> | 10 | 113 | |
| <i>New-Scoreham,</i> | 0 | 32 | <i>Richmond,</i> | 1 | 68 | |
| <i>North-Kingstown,</i> | 2 | 160 | <i>Hopkinton,</i> | 33 | 95 | |
| <i>East-Greenwich,</i> | 2 | 91 | <i>Johnston,</i> | 1 | 79 | |
| <i>Jamestown,</i> | 5 | 11 | <i>Cranston,</i> | 0 | 101 | |
| <i>Smithfield,</i> | 2 | 158 | <i>Middletown,</i> | 6 | 40 | |
| <i>Scituate,</i> | 0 | 156 | <i>North-Providence,</i> | 0 | 48 | |
| <i>Gloucester,</i> | 9 | 228 | <i>Barrington,</i> | 9 | 34 | |
| <i>Coventry,</i> | 0 | 180 | <i>Foster,</i> | 0 | 177 | |
| <i>West-Greenwich,</i> | 2 | 145 | | | | |
| <i>Charlestown,</i> | 6 | 51 | | 237 | 2708 | |

W^h the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Votes given by the Freemen of this State, agreeably to an Act of the General Assembly passed at the last Session, upon the Question, whether the new proposed Constitution for the United States, be adopted by this State or not, beg Leave to Report, that we have examined the Yeas and Nays and find the Number of Yeas to be Two Hundred and Thirty-seven and the Number of Nays Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Eight, so that there is a Majority of Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy-one Nays.

Thomas Durfee,
John Sayles,
James Sheldon,
Shearjashub Bourne,
Gideon Arnold, } Committee.

W^hich being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be, and the same is hereby accepted : And that his Honor the Deputy Governor, *Jonathan J. Hazard*, *Thomas Joslin*, and *Rowse J. Helme*, be appointed a Committee to draft a Letter to the President of Congress, inclosing the aforesaid Returns.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Statute of Limitation of this State barring all Actions upon Notes and Book-Debts, which are not demanded within Two Years from the Time of passing the said Statute be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Statute of Li-
mitation re-
pealed.

AND

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That Henry Marchant and Benjamin Bourne, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to prepare a Bill for reviving the former Statute of Limitations,

*A. Holden's
Petition refer-
red,*

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of Mr. Anthony Holden, praying that a Sum of Money may be advanced to him out of the General-Treasury, to enable him to proceed to Great-Britain, to solicit the Payment of the Money due to him as a Pensioner to the Chest at Chatham, be referred to the next Session for Consideration,

*J. Almy al-
lowed £.95 11s*

WHEREAS Mr. Jonathan Almy, of Newport, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that his Mother Mary Almy, purchased at Vendue of Joseph Scott, Esq. then Sheriff of the County of Newport, a Dwelling-House and Lot of Land situate in that Town, which was sold to satisfy an Execution against Randall Eldred : That the said Joseph Scott gave her a Deed thereof with Warranty, agreeably to the Laws of the State then in Force : And that the Widow of the said Randall Eldred, hath since recovered her Dower therein and is now in Possession thereof : And thereupon the said Jonathan Almy prayed this Assembly to make him Compensation : And whereas Messieurs John Topham, Daniel Mason and William Tripp, who were appointed by the Lower House, a Committee to ascertain the Allowance which ought to be made to the Petitioner, and to inquire on what Terms the said Dower may be most easily discharged, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

THE Committee, in Pursuance of their Appointment, having examined into the Subject Matter of the Petition of Mr. Jonathan Almy, beg Leave to report, That they find the Facts therein stated to be true, and that there is due for the Rent of the said Dower up to the First Day of March instant, and in full of all Costs expended by the said Jonathan Almy, Ninety-five Pounds Eleven Shillings Lawful Money.—They further report that they have conferred with the said Widow Eldred respecting the Purchase of her Right of Dower, and that they can make no Agreement with her for the Purchase and Discharge of the same. All which is submitted by

*John Topham,
William Tripp, } Committee.
Daniel Mason.*

AND the Premises being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be accepted ; and that the said Sum of Ninety-five Pounds Lawful Money, be allowed and paid to the said Jonathan Almy out of the General-Treasury.

*S. Gardiner
allowed £.148
7/8,*

WHEREAS the following Report was presented to this Assembly, to wit :

THE Subscribers, being by the Honorable General-Assembly appointed a Committee to inquire into the Petition preferred by Mr.

Samuel

Samuel Gardiner, of *South-Kingstown*, at the Session in *February*, A. D. 1783, respecting a Farm hired of him by *Abijah Babcock*, the Rent of which this State ordered to be paid into the General-Treasury, report the following Facts :

THAT the said *Abijah Babcock* gave for the yearly Rent of the said Farm *One Hundred and Fifty Silver Dollars*, and Five Hundred Weight of Pork, and was to make Twenty Rods of Stone Wall, as appears by the Lease produced to us : That on the 17th Day of *November*, A. D. 1779, the said *Abijah Babcock* paid into the General-Treasury *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds* : That on the 28th *November*, 1780, *Enoch Hazard*, Esq. paid into the General-Treasury *Four Hundred and Eighty-Seven Pounds Ten Shillings*, for Fifteen Hundred Weight of Pork, which he received by Order of the General-Assembly of the said *Abijah Babcock*, on Account of the Three Years Rent due ; both which Sums were paid in Continental Money, and when received amounted, by the Scale of Depreciation, to *Eleven Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight Pence*, Silver Money ; which last mentioned Sum of £.11 10^s. the said *Samuel Gardiner* hath received out of the General-Treasury, and appears to be all that he hath received for the Demand he had against the said *Abijah Babcock* for Three Years Rent of his Farm, amounting, in Money and Pork, to *One Hundred and Sixty Pounds* : And that it appears that the said *Samuel Gardiner* hath suffered a Loss of *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and Eight Pence*, exclusive of the Value of the Stone Wall, which he is precluded from recovering, the State having discharged the said *Abijah Babcock* for the Three Years Rent of the said Farm. All which is submitted by

March 26th, 1788.

George Champlin, } Committee.
Samuel J. Potter. }

AND the said Report being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be accepted ; and that the said *Samuel Gardiner* be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury the aforesaid Sum of *One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Nine Shillings and Eight Pence* Lawful Money, which shall be in full Discharge of all Demands against the State upon Account of the Rent of the said Farm.

WHEREAS many of the Inhabitants of this State have Accounts and Demands, unliquidated and unsettled, against this State and the United States, for Supplies furnished the Army and Services done during the late War : And whereas the late Commissioner on Behalf of Congress, for settling the said Accounts against the United States, did not nearly complete the same, and many of the Citizens of this State will be great Sufferers unless Justice be done them :

Committee to adjust the Accounts of this Citizens of this State against the United States.

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes* and *Rowse J. Helme*, Esquires, the Commissioners for settling the Accounts of this State with the United States, be, and they are hereby appointed to receive, adjust and settle all unliquidated and unsettled Accounts
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against this State for Supplies furnished the Army and Services done during the late War ; and that they report the same to this Assembly.

Application to
be made for a
Continental
Commissioner
in this State.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Delegates of this State represent to Congress the Injury the Citizens of this State suffer by not having a Commissioner here to settle their individual Accounts, and request Congress to appoint one, or to point out some other Mode by which they may obtain Compensation for their just Demands.

Grant to E.
Barber, jun.

WHEREAS Mr. Ezekiel Barber, jun. of Richmond, represented unto this Assembly, That on the 28th of June last he lodged with Robert Stanton, Esq. one of the Justices of the Inferior Court for the County of Washington, the Sum of *Thirty-four Pounds* Lawful Money due to Mr. Hezekiah Tafft, also of Richmond, who refused to take the same, whereby it is forfeited to the State : And that he hath since paid the said Hezekiah Tafft to his full Satisfaction : And thereupon the said Ezekiel Barber, jun. prayed this Assembly to allow him to receive his Money again : On Consideration whereof,

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Robert Stanton repay the Money lodged as afore said to the said Ezekiel Barber, jun. this State relinquishing the Forfeiture thereof.

E. Bowen, jun.
allowed £.80

WHEREAS Ephraim Bowen, jun. Esq. late Sheriff of the County of Providence, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged against the State for repairing the Windows of the State-House in that County, for notifying the Members of the General Assembly at divers Times by Virtue of Warrants from His Excellency the Governor, for distributing Commissions and Acts of the General Assembly, for Attendance upon the General Assembly and Courts, &c. And the said Account having been by the Lower House referred to a Committee who made the following Report, to wit :

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to audit the Account of Ephraim Bowen, jun. Esq. do report that we have examined and settled the same, and find due to him thereon the Sum of *Eighty Pounds* Lawful Money : Which is submitted by

Job Comstock,
Samuel J. Potter. } Committee.

AND the Premises being duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be accepted ; and that the said Sum of *Eighty Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the said Ephraim Bowen, jun.

N. Waldron al-
lowed £.9.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Nine Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Nathaniel Waldron, in full of his Account for the Attendance of himself and Son upon this Assembly at August Session, A. D. 1787, for Boards and Nails to make Seats for the Members, &c. It

It is Voted and Resolved, That Eight Pounds Fourteen Shillings Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mess. *William Cox* and *John Norris*, it being the Amount of their Account for Boards and Labour in preparing Seats for the Members of the General Assembly at *August* Session, A. D. 1787. *W. Cox* and *J. Norris* allowed £.8 14s.

WHEREAS Mess. *Solomon Southwick* and *Henry Barber* exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by them charged against the State for printing Business done for the State from *May* 8th, A. D. 1786, to *November* 21st following, both Days inclusive; which Account was, by the Lower House, referred to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, to wit:

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to examine and settle the Accounts of Mess. *Southwick* and *Barber* do report, that upon an Adjustment of the same, we find a Balance due to them of *Fifty-six Pounds* Lawful Money: Which is submitted by,

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| <i>East-Greenwich, April</i> | <i>Job Comstock,</i> | } Committee. |
| 4, 1788. | <i>Daniel Mason,</i> | |
| | <i>Samuel J. Potter.</i> | |

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Fifty six Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the said *Solomon Southwick* and *Henry Barber*, in full Satisfaction of the said Account.

WHEREAS *Solomon Southwick*, Esq. exhibited unto this Assembly an Account by him charged against the State for printing Business done for the State from *August* 8th, A. D. 1787, to *November* 1st following, both Days inclusive; which Account was, by the Lower House, submitted to a Committee, who presented the following Report thereon, to wit:

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to settle the Account of *Solomon Southwick*, Esq. do report, that we find due to him the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money: Which is submitted by

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| <i>Job Comstock,</i> | } Committee. |
| <i>Samuel J. Potter.</i> | |

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the said Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* Lawful Money be allowed and paid to the said *Solomon Southwick* out of the General-Treasury, in full Satisfaction of the said Account.



J. Laruguy
naturalized,

An ACT naturalizing *John Laruguy*, a Native of *Marfeilles*, in the Kingdom of *France*, Merchant, and a Subject of His Most Christian Majesty.

WHEREAS *John Laruguy*, Merchant. hath represented unto this Assembly, that he is a Native of *Marfeilles*, in the Kingdom of *France*, and a Subject of His Most Christian Majesty : That during the Course of the late War he resided in different Parts of the *American* Continent for about Five Years, in which Time he became greatly attached to the Inhabitants thereof, and is desirous of becoming a Citizen of the United States, and of residing therein : And that he is possessed of a very considerable Property, Part of which he would wish to invest in real Estate, if he could be admitted to the Rights of Citizenship :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said *John Laruguy* be. and he is hereby naturalized, and declared a Citizen of this State ; and as such shall be entitled to all the Rights, Liberties, Privileges and Immunities of a free-born Citizen.

Allowance to
Invalids.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented unto this Assembly, to wit :

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to consider what Sums ought to be allowed to the Invalids who have applied unto this Assembly, on Account of their Pensions, do report the following Sums in Lawful Money be paid them, to wit :

To *Edward Peirce* Eighty Pounds, *Abiel Weaver* Twenty-four Pounds, *Edward Bennet* Forty Pounds, *Simon Johnson* Eighty Pounds, *John Armsbury* Thirty-five Pounds, *Richard Grant* Twenty-five Pounds, *Comfort Eddy* Fifty-three Pounds Ten Shillings, and to *Benvil Laroach* Thirty-six Pounds Four Shillings : All which is submitted by

Cromel Child,
Abraham Whipple, } Committee.
Job Comstock.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the foregoing Report be accepted : That Mr. *Philip Peirce*, for his Brother *Edward Peirce*, the Wife of the said *Richard Grant*, in his Behalf and the other Invalids in the said Report mentioned, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury the Sum assigned them respectively in the said Report : That they severally account for the same : And that the General-Treasurer do not pay to the said Invalids, or either of them, any further Sums on Account of their Pensions, without further Orders from this Assembly.

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It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. *James Carder*, of *Warwick*, the Whole of a State Note for £.4 17/5. and of an Impost Order for £.3 4/7. in his Possession, Part of which Securities is forfeited to the State. Forfeited Dividend of State Securities to be paid to *J. Carder*.

THE Committee appointed to prepare a Letter to the President of Congress, respecting the proposed Constitution for the United States, and inclosing the Returns of the Votes of the Freemen of this State thereon, having, agreeably to their Appointment, presented unto this Assembly a Draft of a Letter; and it being duly considered, Letter to Congress approved.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the same be approved: That the Secretary make a fair Copy thereof: And that his Excellency the Governor be, and hereby is, requested to sign the said Letters in Behalf of this Assembly, and transmit the same to His Excellency the President of Congress.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to issue his Warrant of Distress against the Town-Treasurer of every Town in the State which shall neglect to pay into the General-Treasury, its Quota of the last State Tax ordered to be assessed, by the Twenty-eighth Day of *April*, A. D. 1788, for the Sum in which such Town shall be deficient, which Warrant shall be returnable in Ten Days from the Date. General Treasurer to issue Warrants against delinquent Towns.

WHEREAS the Committee appointed to consider the Allowance to be made to Invalids reported that the Sum of *Ninety-one Pounds* Lawful Money be paid to *Jacob Briggs*, and the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds* Lawful Money to *Prince Vaughn*, on Account of their Pensions as Invalids: Which being duly considered, Allowance to Invalids.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the said Report be accepted: That Mr. *Thomas Noyes*, as Guardian to the said *Jacob Briggs*, be empowered to receive the aforesaid Sum of *Ninety-one Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury: That the said *Prince Vaughn* receive the said Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury: That they severally account for the said Sums: And that nothing more be paid them on Account of their Pensions until further Orders from this Assembly.

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That an Act of this Assembly made and passed at the Session held at *East-Greenwich* on the Fourth Monday in *December*, A. D. 1786, intituled "An Act lessening the Time for bringing personal Actions:" And also that Part of an Act intituled "An Act regulating fundry Proceedings in the several Courts in this Colony," now State, which introduceth the Two Statutes of *Great-Britain*, called the *Thirty-second of Henry the Eighth*, and that of the *Twenty-first of James the First*, Chapter 16th, for limiting real and personal Actions, be, and the same are hereby repealed; in order that a more proper Laws limiting personal Actions repealed.

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Remedy

Remedy may, by Act of this Assembly, be provided for the Limitation of certain personal Actions.



Statute of Li-
mitations.

An ACT for the Limitation of certain personal Actions:

BE it Enacted by this Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all Actions of Trespafs for breaking Inclosures or Clofes :

ALL Actions of Trespafs, Detinue, upon Trover, and Replevin :

ALL Actions of Account, and upon the Case (excepting such Accounts as concern the Trade of Merchandife between Merchant and Merchant, their Factors or Servants.)

ALL Actions of Debt founded upon any Contract without Specialty :

ALL Actions of Debt for Arrearages of Rent—And all Actions of Assault, Menace, Battery, Wounding, and Imprisonment, or any of them, which shall be sued or brought at any Time after the Rising of this Assembly, at the present Session, shall be commenced and sued within the Time herein after directed, and not after. That is to say : The said Actions upon the Case, excepting Actions for Slander—The said Actions for Account—And the said Actions for Debt, Detinue, Replevin, and Trover, shall be commenced and brought within Six Years next after the Cause of such Actions or Suits, and not after.—And where the Cause of such Suit or Action hath already happened, then, and in that Case, such Action or Suit shall stand and remain limited, as to any Recovery thereon, in the same Manner as though the Act of this Assembly, made and passed at the Session held in *East-Greenwich*, on the Fourth Monday in *December*, A. D. 1786, intituled “An Act lessening the Time for bringing personal Actions” had never been made and passed.—The said Actions of Trespafs for breaking Inclosures or Clofes—And all other Actions of Trespafs, of Assault, Battery, Wounding, and Imprisonment, or any of them, shall be brought within Four Years next after the Cause of such Actions or Suits, and not after.—And the said Actions upon the Case for Slander shall be commenced within Two Years next after the Words spoken, and not after.

Provided nevertheless, and it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons, now, or who hereafter shall be, entitled to any such Action, shall be, at the Time any such Causes or Action accrued, within the Age of Twenty-one Years, Feme Covert, Non compos Mentis, imprisoned, or beyond Sea, then, and in such Case, such Person or Persons shall be at Liberty to bring the same within such Times as are herein before limited, after their coming to full Age, Discovert, of sane Memory, at large, and return from beyond Sea.



WHEREAS the Committee heretofore appointed to run the Line between the *Narragansett* Tribe of Indians and the white People, have neglected to perform the same: And whereas there is an Action pending before the Superior Court of Judicature wherein the said Tribe are Plaintiffs and *Joseph Clarke* Defendant, which is to be determined the next Week; and Justice cannot be done until the said Line be run: Action between the Tribe of Indians and *J. Clarke* stayed.

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Proceedings in the said Action be stayed until the said Line be run: And that the contending Parties be bound thereby.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. Bennet Wheeler* be, and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury; and that he account for the same in the Settlement of his Account. *B. Wheeler* allowed £.100.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes*, Esq. as one of the Commissioners for settling the Accounts of this State with the United States, be empowered to draw the Sum of *One Hundred and Sixty Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury; and that he account for the same. *J. Jenckes* allowed £.160.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Jonathan Niles*, Esq. Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, be, and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* Lawful Money out of the General-Treasury, to be accounted for in the Settlement of his Account: That *Jos^{ts} Comstock* and *Joseph Fry*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to settle the Accounts of the said *Jonathan Niles* with the State; and that they make Report to this Assembly at the next Session. *J. Niles* allowed £.100.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Twenty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Thomas Briggs*; it being the Amount of his Account for attending upon this Assembly at the Session held in *December*, A. D. 1786, and at the present Session. *T. Briggs* allowed £.21

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John S. Dexter*, Esq. be allowed and paid the Sum of *Seventy-two Pounds* Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, it being the Amount of his Account for his Services as Clerk of the Lower House, &c. *J. S. Dexter* allowed £.72.



An Act regulating
the Fishery in
Pawtuxet Ri-
ver.

An A C T regulating the Fishery in *Pawtuxet* River, its Branches and below the Falls thereof ; and repealing all Acts heretofore made particularly respecting the same.

W H E R E A S great Advantages have heretofore resulted to the People of the Country adjacent to said River and its Branches, from the Fish which formerly used to be taken therein, which Advantages have of late been in a great Degree lost, by Reason of Obstructions to the Passing of the Fish to and from the Ponds of Water in the Country, and on Account of the great Irregularities in conducting the said Fishery :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General-Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That all Persons whosoever shall be restricted, and they hereby are prohibited, from setting or drawing any Seine or Net in any Cove or Part of *Pawtuxet* River, below the Falls called *Pawtuxet* Falls to the End of the Long Neck, so called, from a strait Line drawn Westward to the opposite Shore, and so up Stream from said Falls, in any Branch or small Stream leading into any Pond or Ponds, to the uttermost Extent of all and every other Branch of said River where the Fish called Alewives have heretofore been known to pass, from the Twenty-fifth Day of *March*, to the Fifteenth Day of *June*, annually : Saving and excepting only on the following Days in each Week during the Time aforesaid, to wit : Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday ; but that on all Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, during said Time, no Seining or Netting, or Obstruction whatever to the Passing of said Fish in said River or its Branches, shall be permitted : Provided nevertheless, That any Person may fish with Hooks and Lines.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Person shall make any Wear or Wears, or keep any standing Seine at any Time across said *Pawtuxet* River, or any Branch thereof, so as to obstruct or hinder the Fish in their free Course up the said River and its Branches, under the Penalty of *Fifty Pounds*, to be recovered at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace in the County wherein the Offence shall be committed ; One Half thereof to and for the Use of the Town where such Offence shall be committed, and the other Half to and for the Use of the Person or Persons who shall inform and sue for the same.

AND be it further Enacted, That all the Regulations contained and specified in a certain Act of the Legislature of the late Colony, now State, passed in the Year 1735, intituled, " An Act to prevent the Fish being hindered in their Course of going up the several fresh Rivers in this Colony, in all Cases and Places where there is no other and particular Regulation made by Law," be, and the same hereby are extended to the said River of *Pawtuxet* and its Branches, with these

these Alterations, to wit : That where the word Dam or Dams is mentioned in said Act, it shall be construed as meaning and extending to all Mill-Dams and other Dams whatever on the said River, or the Branches thereof : That the First Fine mentioned as a Penalty therein be increased to *Nine Pounds* : And that the Two last Fines mentioned in said Act be increased to *Fifty Pounds* : any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding :

Provided nevertheless, and be it further Enacted, That the Owners of Dams on the South Branch of said *Pawtuxet* River be, and they are hereby exempted from providing Fish-ways, in the same Manner as they were exempted by a special Act of this Assembly, passed at the Session held in *February*, A. D. 1770 ; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Fish-ways upon the North Branch of said *Pawtuxet* River, in the Dams across the said River, shall be Twelve Feet wide : Provided nevertheless, That the Fish-ways on the said North Branch, above the Dam of the Furnace Hope, be not required to be more than Six Feet wide.

AND it is further Enacted, That all Acts and Laws respecting the Fishery in said *Pawtuxet* River, its Branches, and below the Falls thereof, excepting the said Act passed in the Year 1735, be and the same are hereby repealed.

AND it is further Enacted, That this Act be in Force immediately from and after the Rising of this Assembly : And that the Secretary publish this Act in the *Providence* News-papers.



It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Twenty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Abraham Greene* ; it being the Amount of his Account for attending upon this Assembly at the Session held in *December*, A. D. 1786, and at the present Session, as a Waiter.

A. Greene allowed £21. 12/.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Twenty-six Pounds, Ten Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Thomas Spencer*, Son of *Abner* ; it being the Amount of his Account for attending upon this Assembly at the Session held in *December*, A. D. 1786, and at the present Session, as a Waiter, and cleaning the Court House, &c.

T. Spencer allowed £26 10/.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be, and he is hereby empowered and directed to issue his Warrant to the Collector of Taxes for the Town of *Coventry*, to collect its Proportion of the last State Tax assessed upon that Town : Provided Application be made therefor within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly.

General Treasurer to issue a Warrant for Coventry.

Third Divi-
dend of State
Securities to
be paid on the
10th May next.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons holding the Notes of this State, signed by the General-Treasurer thereof, and of which Two Fourth Parts have been by Law directed to be paid, apply to the said General-Treasurer on or before the Tenth Day of May next, for a Third Quarter Part of the Amount of the said Notes, and Interest thereon ; which the said Treasurer is hereby directed to pay accordingly.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the Holders of such Notes as aforesaid, who shall not apply and receive the said Third Quarter Part as aforesaid, shall for ever thereafter be excluded from receiving it : And the same shall be forfeit, to and for the Use of this State.

H. Sberburne
allowed £.23
19s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Twenty-three Pounds Ten Shillings* Lawful Money be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry Sberburne, Esq.* it being the Amount of his Account for Attendance as Deputy-Secretary upon the General Assembly at the present Session, &c.

Adjournment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly, unfinished, be, and the same is hereby referred to the next Session : That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, in the Town of *Providence*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties : And that this Assembly be, and hereby is adjourned to the Tuesday next preceding the First Wednesday in May next, then to convene at the State-House in the County of *Newport* : But if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be, and hereby is dissolved.

GOD save the United States of AMERICA !

A true Copy, duly examined :

W I T N E S S,

Henry Ward Sear

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden, at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the First *Wednesday* in *May*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight, and in the Twelfth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T

His EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, Esquire,
G O V E R N O R.

The HONOURABLE

Daniel Owen, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

THEODORE FOSTER, Esq;

JOSEPH STANTON, jun. Esq;

SYLVANUS SAYLES, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

CALEB GARDNER, Esq;

THOMAS G. HAZARD, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

OLIVER DUFFEE, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

D E P U T I E S

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

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| NEWPORT : | Mr. Jonathan Hazard, <i>jun.</i> |
| George Hazard, <i>Esq;</i> | WEST-GREENWICH : |
| Henry Marchant, <i>Esq;</i> | Thomas Joslin, <i>Esq;</i> |
| George Champlin, <i>Esq;</i> | Mr. William Mathewson. |
| John Topham, <i>Esq;</i> | COVENTRY : |
| Mr. Peleg Clarke, | Jeremiah Fenner, <i>Esq;</i> |
| Mr. William Tripp. | William Burlingame, <i>Esq;</i> |
| PROVIDENCE : | EXETER : |
| John Jenckes, <i>Esq;</i> | Mr. Joseph Reynolds, |
| Jabez Bowen, <i>Esq;</i> | Mr. Job Wilcox, |
| William Barton, <i>Esq;</i> | MIDDLETOWN : |
| Mr. Amos Throop. | Mr. William Peckham, <i>jun.</i> |
| PORTSMOUTH : | Mr. Joseph Coggeshall. |
| Elijah Cobb, <i>Esq;</i> | BRISTOL : |
| Mr. Job Durfee, | William Bradford, <i>Esq;</i> |
| Benjamin Hall, <i>Esq;</i> | Shearjashub Bourne, <i>Esq;</i> |
| Mr. Burrington Anthony. | TIVERTON : |
| WARWICK : | Mr. Benjamin Howland, |
| Othniel Gorton, <i>Esq;</i> | Thomas Durfee, <i>Esq;</i> |
| Mr. Gideon Arnold, | LITTLE-COMPTON : |
| Mr. Jonathan Gorton, | Mr. George Simmons, |
| Mr. Anthony Holden. | Thomas Palmer, <i>Esq;</i> |
| WESTERLY : | WARREN : |
| Joseph Noyes, <i>Esq;</i> | Cromel Child, <i>Esq;</i> |
| Mr. Walter White. | Mr. Smith Bowen. |
| NEW-SHOREHAM : | CUMBERLAND : |
| Mr. Edward Hull, | Mr. John Lapham, |
| Rowse J. Helme, <i>Esq;</i> | John Gould, <i>Esq;</i> |
| NORTH-KINGSTOWN : | RICHMOND : |
| Mr. James Congdon, | James Sheldon, <i>Esq;</i> |
| Mr. Bowen Card. | Mr. Thomas James. |
| SOUTH-KINGSTOWN : | CRANSTON : |
| Samuel J. Potter, <i>Esq;</i> | George Waterman, <i>Esq;</i> |
| John Gardner, <i>Esq;</i> | Mr. William Potter. |
| EAST-GREENWICH : | HOPKINTON : |
| Mr. Joseph Fry, | David Nichols, <i>Esq;</i> |
| Job Comitock, <i>Esq;</i> | Mr. Rofs Coon. |
| JAMESTOWN : | JOHNSTON : |
| Mr. Benjamin Remington, | Mr. William Waterman, |
| Mr. John Eldred. | Mr. Philip Arnold. |
| SMITHFIELD : | NORTH-PROVIDENCE : |
| John Sayles, <i>Esq;</i> | Mr. Edward Smith, |
| Andrew Waterman, <i>Esq;</i> | Thomas Olney, <i>Esq;</i> |
| SCITUATE : | BARRINGTON : |
| Peleg Fisk, <i>Esq;</i> | Samuel Allen, <i>Esq;</i> |
| Mr. James Aldrich. | Mr. Matthew Allen. |
| GLOCESTER : | FOSTER : |
| Mr. Seth Hunt, | Mr. Jonathan Hopkins, <i>jun.</i> |
| Stephen Winsor, <i>Esq;</i> | Mr. William Howard. |
| CHARLESTOWN : | |
| Joseph Stanton, <i>jun. Esq;</i> | |

The Honourable OTHNIEL GORTON, Esq; was chosen Speaker; and ROWSE J. HELME, Esq; Clerk of the Lower House.

THIS being the anniversary Election of all Officers, both civil Officers chosen and military, in and throughout the State, for the ensuing Year, ^{sen.} the Gentlemen whose Names are set down in the subsequent List were chosen to the Offices ascribed to their Names respectively, *to wit* :

His Excellency JOHN COLLINS, Esq; Governor. Engaged.
The Honourable DANIEL OWEN, Esq; Deputy-Governor. Engaged.
Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq; First Assistant.
John Williams, Esq; Second Assistant. Engaged.
Sylvanus Sayles, Esq; Third Assistant. Engaged.
James Arnold, Esq; Fourth Assistant. Engaged.
Caleb Gardner, Esq; Fifth Assistant. Engaged.
John Cooke, Esq; Sixth Assistant. Engaged.
William Congdon, Esq; Seventh Assistant.
Joseph W. Tweedy, Esq; Eighth Assistant. Engaged.
Thomas Coggeshall, Esq; Ninth Assistant. Engaged.
Thomas Hazard (of Providence) Esq; Tenth Assistant.
Henry Ward, Esq; Secretary. Engaged.
Henry Goodwin, Esq; Attorney-General. Engaged.
Joseph Clarke, Esq; General-Treasurer. Engaged.

DELEGATES to represent the State in CONGRESS.

The Honourable PELEG ARNOLD, Esq;
The Honourable JONATHAN J. HAZARD, Esq;
The Honourable THOMAS HOLDEN, Esq;
The Honourable JOHN GARDNER, Esq;

John Williams, Esq; First Assistant, in the Room of *Joseph Stanton*, Esq; jun. who declined.

Sylvanus Sayles, Esq; Second Assistant, in the Room of the aforesaid *John Williams*.

James Arnold, Esq; Third Assistant, in the Room of the aforesaid *Sylvanus Sayles*.

Caleb Gardner, Esq; Fourth Assistant, in the Room of the aforesaid *James Arnold*.

John Cooke, Esq; Fifth Assistant, in the Room of the aforesaid *Caleb Gardner*.

William Congdon, Esq; Sixth Assistant, in the Room of the aforesaid *John Cooke*.

Joseph W. Tweedy, Esq; Seventh Assistant, in the Room of the aforesaid *William Congdon*.

Thomas Coggeshall, Esq; Eighth Assistant, in the Room of the aforesaid *Joseph W. Tweedy*.

Thomas

Thomas Hazard (of *Providence*) Esq; Ninth Assistant, in the Room of the aforesaid *Thomas Coggeshall*.

Thomas Hoxse, Esq; Tenth Assistant, in the Room of the said *Thomas Hazard*. Engaged.

C. Ellery, jun. WHEREAS *Christopher Ellery*, jun. of *Newport*, did, on the Seventh Day of this current *May*, when both Houses of this Assembly were in Session, in a Grand Committee, openly insult the Authority of this State; and a Warrant having been issued against him, and he brought before this Assembly, and having pleaded Guilty, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* take his Body into Custody, and him safely secure in close Confinement in the common Gaol in *Newport*, without Bail or Mainprize, until the further Orders of this Assembly.

Officers chosen. BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, proceeded upon the Election, and chose the following Officers, *to wit* :

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| <i>Thomas Freebody</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Newport</i> . |
| <i>Jonathan Freeborn</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Gideon Wanton</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Oliver Durfee</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Foles Little</i> , jun. Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Ebenezer Thompson</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Providence</i> . |
| <i>Caleb Harris</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Abraham Mathewson</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>John Burton</i> , jun. Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Stephen Steere</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Freeman Perry</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Washington</i> . |
| <i>Sylvanus Gardner</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Robert Stanton</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Edward Wells</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Benjamin Hoxse</i> , jun. Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Joseph Reynolds</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Bristol</i> . |
| <i>James Miller</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Elkanah Humphry</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Jacob Saunders</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |
| <i>Newby Coggeshall</i> , Esq; | Fifth | |

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| <i>Thomas Aldrich</i> , Esq; | Chief | } Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of <i>Kent</i> . |
| <i>Stephen Arnold</i> , Esq; | Second | |
| <i>Gideon Waite</i> , Esq; | Third | |
| <i>Anthony Low</i> , Esq; | Fourth | |

Ambrose Page, Esq; Judge of the Court of Admiralty within and for the State.

John

John Grelea, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur Fenner, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Providence*.

Nathaniel Helme, jun. Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Washington*.

Jonathan Russell, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Allen Fry, Esq; Clerk of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Thomas Peckham, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Newport*.

Arthur Fenner, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Providence*.

George H. Peckham, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Washington*.

Daniel Bradford, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Bristol*.

Benjamin Howland, Esq; Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

William Davis, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*.

Nebemiah Knight, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Providence*.

Beriah Brown, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Washington*.

Shubael Kinnicut, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*.

Jonathan Niles, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*.

Forfeited Securities to be paid, in case. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That where Persons possessed of the Securities signed by the General-Treasurer of this State, whereof a Quarter Part hath been ordered to be paid by this Assembly, have made Application to the General-Treasurer, and received either the First or Second Quarter Part thereof, in such Case, the General-Treasurer be and hereby is directed and ordered to pay upon such Securities the Sum which hath been forfeited unto the Possessors of such Securities, in the same Manner as if they had applied in Season: Provided such Application be made before the next Session of this Assembly, at their Adjournment in June next.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That in case any Grants heretofore made to any Person for Monies, be not applied for and received out of the General-Treasury before the said next Session, such Grant shall be forfeited to and for the Use of the State; and the Grantee forever precluded from receiving the same.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons holding the Securities of this State, which carry an Interest of *Six per Centum*, and likewise the Impost Orders, whereof the First, Second and Third Quarter Parts have been ordered to be paid, may apply to the General-Treasurer, who is hereby directed to pay the last Quarter Part thereof.

W. Hayden to be apprehended. WHEREAS Information hath been made unto this Assembly, that one *William Hayden*, Mariner, now residing in *Newport*, hath treated this General Assembly with great Disrespect, and spoken divers Words tending to lessen the Dignity and Authority thereof, and otherwise misbehaved: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby requested to issue his Warrant, directed to the Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, or to his Deputy, to apprehend the aforesaid *William Hayden*, and bring him before this Assembly on *Friday Morning* next, at *Nine o'Clock*, to answer to the said Charge, and to be dealt with for his Contempt.

Officers chosen. Both Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, proceeded upon the Election, and chose the following Officers, *to wit*:

John Grelea, Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Newport*.

Samuel Chace, Esq; Public Notary for the Town and County of *Providence*.

JUSTICES of the PEACE for the several Towns.

NEWPORT:
Christopher Etlery,
Robert Taylor,
Peleg Barker, *jun*.
John Grelea,
John Thurston,

Timothy Waterhouse,
William Borden, *Esquires*.

PROVIDENCE:
Samuel Chase,
John Foster,

Nathaniel

Nathaniel Wheaton,
James Arnold,
John Dorrance,
Daniel Cooke,
Benjamin Bourne,
John Mawney,
William Larned,
Samuel Sampson;
Joseph Bowen,
David Howell,
Solomon Drown, *Esquires.*

PORTSMOUTH :

John Shearman,
Elijah Cobb,
Gideon Dennis,
Abraham Anthony, *jun. Esquires.*

WARWICK :

Robert Rhodes,
James Jerauld,
Thomas Greene (*Son of Richard*)
Thomas Rice (*Son of Thomas*)
Peleg Salsbury,
William Waterman, *jun. Esquires.*

WESTERLY :

Joseph Crandall,
Simeon Burdick,
George Stillman,
Joseph Clarke,
Elias Lewis, *Esquires.*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Eber Shearman,
George Thomas (*Son of Samuel*)
Jonathan Bates,
Samuel Dyer,
Bowen Card,
Benedict Dayton,
William Reynolds, *Esquires.*

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Caleb Tefft,
Nathaniel Gardner,
Samuel Curtis,
Nathaniel Perkins,
Daniel Shearman, *jun.*
Barber Peckham,
Nathaniel Helme, *jun.*
George H. Peckham,

John Banister, *Esquires.*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Job Comstock,
Benjamin Howland,
Stephen Greene,
James Sweet (*Son of Sylvester*)
Robert Bailey,
George Spencer (*Son of Samuel*)
Esquires.

SMITHFIELD :

Gideon Comstock,
Stephen Arnold,
Stephen Brayton,
James Smith,
Andrew Waterman, *Esquires.*

GLOCESTER :

Jonathan Harris,
Zebedee Hopkins, *jun.*
John Smith (*Son of Benjamin*)
Timothy Wilmarth,
Stephen Winfor,
Nathaniel Wade, *Esquires.*

CHARLESTOWN :

Peleg Crofs,
John Collier,
Samuel Crofs,
Jonathan Macomber,
Ichabod Burdick, *Esquires.*

COVENTRY :

John Rice,
William Stone,
Isaac Johnson,
William Burlingame,
Stephen Greene,
Benjamin Arnold,
Joseph Manchester, *Esquires.*

EXETER :

Daniel Sunderlin,
Samuel Gorton,
Stephen Reynolds,
Phineas Kinyon,
Jonathan Lillibridge,
Nicholas Gardner (*Son of Ezekiel*)
Esquires.

MIDDLE-

MIDDLETOWN :

Joseph Peabody,
Elisba Allen,
Parker Hall, *Esquires*.

BRISTOL :

Daniel Bradford,
Amos Haile,
John Usher,
Josiah Finney, *Esquires*.

TIVERTON :

Lemuel Tabor,
Thomas Durfee,
Benjamin Jenckes,
Philip Gray, *Esquires*.

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Adam Simmons,
Enos Giffard,
Thomas Palmer,
Ezra Chace, *Esquires*.

WARREN :

William Barton,
John Kinnicut,
Benjamin Barton,
Marmaduke Mason, *Esquires*.

CUMBERLAND :

John S. Dexter,
Jotham Carpenter,
Levi Ballou,
Simon Wilkinson, *Esquires*.

RICHMOND :

Thomas Tefft,
James Sheldon,
George Webb,
Samuel Clarke,
Peter Clarke,

Edmund Burdick, *Esquires*.

CRANSTON :

William Warner,
Joseph Potter,
Jeriah Hawkins,
Joseph Aborn,
Holliman Potter,
Peter Stone, *Esquires*.

HOPKINTON :

Matthew Maxson,
Francis West,
David Nichols,
Robert Burdick,
Josiah Whitter,
Thomas Potter Gardner, *Esquires*.

JOHNSTON .

Abraham Belknap,
Andrew Harris,
Joseph Borden, *jun*.
Israel Angell, *Esquires*.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Hope Angell,
Efek Esten,
Gideon Olney, *Esquires*.

BARRINGTON :

Samuel Allen,
Solomon Townsend, *jun*.
Moses Tyler, *Esquires*.

FOSTER :

John Westcot,
William Greene,
Jonathan Hopkins, *jun*.
Daniel Howard,
Angell Sweet, *Esquires*.

Joseph W. Tweedy, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of Newport.

John Mathewson, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of Providence.

Benedict Dayton, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of Washington.

Cromel Child, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of Bristol.

Job

Job Comstock, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Kent*.

Joseph Stanton, jun. Esq; Major-General of the Militia in and throughout the State.

John Malbone, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Simeon Tayer, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Samuel J. Potter, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Thomas Holden, Esq; Brigadier-General of the Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Giles Lawton, jun. Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

John Whipple, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

John Gavet, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

David Barton, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

Allen Johnson, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Benjamin Howland, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

William Aldrich, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Charles Dyer, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Archibald Kaffon, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

Joseph Knight, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Thomas Potter, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Stephen

Stephen Winsor, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Benjamin Brownell, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

George Waterman, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

George Stillman, Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Joseph Reynolds, jun. Esq; Major of the Regiment of Militia in the County of *Bristol*.

James Arnold (Son of *James*) Esq; Major of the First Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

John Davis, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Newport*.

Joseph Hoyle, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of *Providence*.

Thomas Tefft, Esq; Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of *Washington*.

William Potter, Esq; Major of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of *Providence*.

Loring Peck, Esq; Major of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of *Bristol*.

W. Haydon to
be apprehended.

WHEREAS his Excellency the Governor, at the Request of this Assembly at the present Session, did issue his Warrant for apprehending *William Haydon*, for Contempt of this Assembly; and the Sheriff hath made Return thereon that he was not to be found: And whereas the Dignity of the State ought to be supported, and all Contempts against the Authority thereof duly punished:

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby requested to issue another Warrant, for apprehending the said *William Haydon*: That the Sheriff of the County of *Newport* take him into Custody, and have him before his Excellency; who is requested to cause a Mittimus to be made to the Gaoler of the County of *Newport*, to receive and keep him in safe Custody until the next Session of this Assembly, to answer for the Contempt aforesaid: Unless the said *William Haydon* shall enter into a Recognizance, with Two Sureties; the said *William Haydon* in the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds, Lawful Money, and the Sureties in the Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds each, that he the said *William Haydon* will

will appear before this Assembly at the next Session, to answer to such Things as shall then and there be charged against him; and that he will in the mean Time be of good Behaviour.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, proceeded upon the Election, and chose the following Officers, *to wit:*

Levi Barnes, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

James Gardner, Esq; Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Nehemiah Angell, Esq; Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

Timothy Lack, jun. Esq; Major of the Third Regiment of Militia in the County of *Washington*.

Samuel Mayes, Esq; Major of the Fourth Regiment of Militia in the County of *Providence*.

John Wanton (Son of *James*) Gunner of *Fort-Washington*.

OFFICERS to command the several Companies of Infantry.

First Regiment in the County of
NEWPORT.

Senior Class Company in PORTSMOUTH and MIDDLETOWN.
John Earle, Captain.
William Manchester, Lieutenant.
Gideon Shearman, Ensign.

PORTSMOUTH Company.
William Burrington, Captain.
Peleg Shearman, Lieutenant.
Noah Gray, Ensign.

NEW-SHOREHAM Company.
Edward Sands, Captain.
John Pain, Lieutenant.
John Gorton, Ensign.

JAMESTOWN Company.
John Franklin, Captain.
John Remington, Lieutenant.
Peleg Carr, jun. Ensign.

MIDDLETOWN Company.
John Peabody, Captain.

Joseph Allen, Lieutenant.
Pardon Brown, Ensign.

First Regiment in the County of
PROVIDENCE.
PROVIDENCE.

Senior Class Company.
Benjamin Hopkin, Captain.
Samuel Black, Lieutenant.
Gabriel Allen, Ensign.

First Company.
Joseph Allen, Captain.
Jeremiah Jenckes, Lieutenant.
Esek Dexter, Ensign.

Second Company.
Joseph Burrill, Captain.
Benjamin Keene, Lieutenant.
Ezekiel Burr, Ensign.

Third Company.
Nathaniel Dummer, Captain.
Jacob Whitman, jun. Lieutenant.
William Taylor, Ensign.

Fourth

Fourth Company.

Grindal Reynolds, *Captain.*
 Lemuel Field, *Lieutenant.*
 Daniel Field, *Ensign.*

CRANSTON.

Senior Class Company.

John Burton, *Captain.*
 William Burton, *Lieutenant.*
 Elisha Carpenter, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Peter Stone, *Captain.*
 Hrael Manchetter, *Lieutenant.*
 Jonathan Westcot, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Jonathan Sprague, *jun. Captain.*
 Nathaniel Williams, *jun. Lieutenant.*
 Zuriel Waterman, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

Pardon Burlingame, *Captain.*
 Gideon Manchester, *Lieutenant.*
 Sylvester Potter, *Ensign.*

*Senior Class Company in the Towns
 of JOHNSTON and NORTH-
 PROVIDENCE.*

Israel Angell, *Captain.*
 John Violl, *Lieutenant.*
 Joy Ladd, *Ensign.*

NORTH-PROVIDENCE Company.

Stephen Abbott, *Captain.*
 Hezekiah Olney, *Lieutenant.*
 Comfort Jenckes, *Ensign.*

First Regiment in the County of

WASHINGTON.

CHARLESTOWN.

Senior Class Company.

James Peckham, *Captain.*
 Stephen Stanton, *Lieutenant.*
 Joseph Davis, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Jonathan Macomber, *Captain.*
 Jeremiah Taylor, *Lieutenant.*
 Ethan Crandall, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

William Card (*Son of Joshua*)
Captain.
 William Kinyon (*Son of Joseph*)
Lieutenant.
 Gideon Holway, *Ensign.*

HOPKINTON.

Senior Class Company.

Elnathan Wells, *Captain.*
 Elias Coon, *Lieutenant.*
 Jesse Burdick, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Randall Wells, *Captain.*
 John Palmer, *Lieutenant.*
 Edward Wells, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Daniel White, *Captain.*
 William Coone, *Lieutenant.*
 Robert Burdick, *jun. Ensign.*

Third Company.

Ichabod Paddock, *Captain.*
 Caleb Church, *Lieutenant.*
 Henry Brightman, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.

James Brown, *Captain.*
 Benjamin Barber, *jun. Lieutenant.*
 William West, *Ensign.*

*Regiment in the County of BRISTOL.**Senior Class Company.*

Solomon Peck, *Captain.*
 Benjamin Bosworth (*the Second*)
Lieutenant.
 Nathan Bardin, *Ensign.*

WARREN.

First Company.

Barnard Luther, *Captain.*
 Allen Cole, *Lieutenant.*
 Seth Snell, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Edward Mafon, *Captain.*
 Gardner Mafon, *Lieutenant.*
 Joseph Barton, *Ensign.*

BARRINGTON Company.

John Short, *jun. Captain.*
William Kelly, *Lieutenant.*
Sylvester Viall, *Ensign.*

First Regiment in the County of
KENT.

Senior Class Company in WARWICK
and EAST-GREENWICH.

Robert Rhodes, *Captain.*
Hopkins Cooke, *Lieutenant.*
Philip Wightman, *Ensign.*

WARWICK.

First Company.

Adam Lockwood, *Captain.*
Moses Arnold, *Lieutenant.*
Ephraim Arnold, *Ensign.*

Second Regiment in the County of
NEWPORT.

LITTLE-COMPTON.

First Company.

Joseph P. Linn, *Captain.*
Jonathan Taylor, *Lieutenant.*
Isaac Simmons, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Billings Greenell, *Captain.*
Burnabas Clap, *Lieutenant.*
William Richmond (*the Second*)
Ensign.

Second Regiment in the County of
PROVIDENCE.

SMITHFIELD.

Senior Class Company.

Job Mowry, *Captain.*
George Sweetser, *Lieutenant.*

First Company.

Benjamin Bullou, *Captain.*
Daniel Sayles, *Lieutenant.*
Joshua Jenckes, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Ebenezer Trask, *Captain.*
Daniel Arnold, *Lieutenant.*
Caleb Aldrich, *jun. Ensign.*

Third Company.

Samuel Holmes, *Captain.*
Zenos Winfor, *Lieutenant.*
Thomas Appleby, *Ensign.*

Second Regiment in the County of
KENT.

WEST-GREENWICH.

Senior Class Company.

Joseph Hopkins, *jun. Captain.*
Benjamin Johnson, *Lieutenant.*
Caleb Greene (*Son of Benjamin*)
Ensign.

First Company.

Joseph Dolliver, *jun. Captain.*
Caleb Carr, *Lieutenant.*
William Henry Davis, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Joseph Weaver, *Captain.*
Peleg Sweet, *Lieutenant.*
Thomas Mathewson (*Son of*
Uriah) *Ensign.*

Third Company.

Samuel Tanner, *Captain.*
Jeremiah Stone, *Lieutenant.*
David Mathewson (*Son of David*)
Ensign.

COVENTRY.

Senior Class Company.

Abel Bennet, *Captain.*
Job Greene (*Son of Charles*)
Lieutenant.
Joseph Manchester, *Ensign.*

Third Regiment in the County of
WASHINGTON.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN.

Senior Class Company.

William Taylor, *Captain.*
Gardner W. Mumford, *Lieutenant.*
James Cotterell, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Paris Gardner, *Captain.*
Daniel Teftr (*Son of Benjamin*)
Lieutenant.
William Steadman, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Robert G. Sands, *Captain.*
 Elifha Potter (*Son of Benjamin*)
Lieutenant.
 Timothy Peckham, *jun. Ensign.*

RICHMOND.

Senior Class Company.

John Woodmansee, *jun. Captain.*
 Smiting Potter, *Lieutenant.*
 Benjamin Hoxsie, *Ensign.*

First Company.

George Webb, *jun. Captain.*
 Ezekiel James, *Lieutenant.*
 Augustus Sheldon, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Thomas W. Kinyon, *Captain.*
 Thomas Potter, *Lieutenant.*
 Weeden Clarke, *Ensign.*

Fourth Regiment in the County of

PROVIDENCE.

GLOCESTER.

Senior Class Company.

Benajah Whipple, *Captain.*

Ezekiel Phettiplace, *Lieutenant.*
 Edward Salisbury, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Henry Wheeler, *Captain.*
 Thomas Mitchel, *Lieutenant.*
 Thomas Winsor, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Arnold Smith, *Captain.*
 Abner Chilson, *Lieutenant.*
 Israel Cooke, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

Anan Winsor, *Captain.*
 Stukely Turner, *Lieutenant.*
 Caleb Arnold, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.

Jeremiah Irons, *jun. Captain.*
 Peter Aldrich, *Lieutenant.*
 Willard Eddy, *Ensign.*

William Barton, Esq; Adjutant-General of the Militia of the State.

John Mathewson, Esq; Quarter-Master General of the Militia of the State.

Charles Holden, Esq; Commissary-General of the Militia of the State.

Mr. Peter Turner, Physician and Purveyor-General of the Militia of the State.

Committee to deliver the Records of the Inferior Court in Washington County to the present Clerk.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph Hazard,* and *Nathaniel Helme,* *jun. Esquires,* be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive from the late and deliver to the present Clerk of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Washington,* the Books of Record, Seal, Files of Papers, and other Things belonging to that Office; giving and taking Receipts for the same.

R. Rodman allowed £ 34
5 s. and *D.*
Shearman,
jun. £ 44
12 s.

WHEREAS *John Topham,* *John Sayles,* and *David Nichols,* Esquires, who were appointed by the Lower House a Committee, to audit the Accounts of *Mr. Robert Rodman,* and *Mr. Daniel Shearman, jun.* for supporting *Mingo Rodman,* an Invalid, late a Soldier in the Continental Regiment

Regiment of this State, reported that the Sum of *Thirty-four Pounds Five Shillings*, Lawful Money, is due to the said *Robert Rodman*, and the Sum of *Forty-four Pounds Twelve Shillings* to the said *Daniel Shearman, jun.* Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted; and that the aforesaid Sums be paid them respectively out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Mr. Christopher Ellery, jun.* who was committed to Gaol *C. Ellery, jun.* for a Contempt offered to this Assembly; and he being here brought, *discharged.* confesseth his Fault, puts himself upon Mercy, and humbly intreats Pardon and Forgiveness: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Christopher Ellery, jun.* be forgiven; and that he be discharged, upon his paying all Costs.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to make out an exact Account of the Interest paid on the Certificates issued by *Edward Chinn, Esq;* the Commissioner in this State for settling the Continental Accounts, for the Teaming Service in the Year 1781: And that he also certify the Time when he renewed the said Certificates by Order of this Assembly; and transmit the same to *John Jenckes*, and *Rowse J. Helme*, Esquires, the Commissioners on the Part of this State for settling the Accounts with the United States. *Account of Teaming Certificates to be returned to the Commissioners.*

WHEREAS *George Champlin*, and *William Channing*, Esquires, who were appointed a Committee to audit the Account of *Mrs. Mary Franklin*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report thereon, *Grant to M. Franklin.* to wit:

WE the Subscribers having been appointed by the Honourable General Assembly of this State to examine and adjust the foregoing Account, beg Leave to report, that from the Vouchers exhibited to us by *Mrs. Mary Franklin*, it appears, that she hath a just Demand for an Allowance for the Use made of her Wharff and Ferry-Boat in the public Service, and for the Ferriages of a great Number of Soldiers in the Years 1780 and 1781; but, from the Confusion of the Times in which the Business was transacted, we cannot with Certainty determine the Sum due to her. We would therefore recommend, that upon her discharging the said Account, amounting to *One Hundred and Eighty Pounds and Eightpence*, a Note heretofore given by her to the State for a Ferry-Boat be delivered up, and she discharged from the same. All which is submitted by your Honours most humble Servants,

GEORGE CHAMPLIN,
WILLIAM CHANNING.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: And that, upon the said *Mary Franklin's* discharging the said Account, by acknowledging the Receipt of the Amount thereof of this State, the General-Treasurer deliver to her the aforesaid Note, agreeably to the said Report.

WHEREAS

Report of a
Highway be-
tween Scitu-
ate and Cran-
ston.

WHEREAS the Freemen of the Town of *Cranston*, in Town-Meeting assembled, ordered the following Report, concerning a Highway between that Town and the Town of *Scituate*, to be laid before this Assembly, that the Agreement entered into between the aforesaid Towns might be established, *to wit* :

“ WHEREAS we the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee, by and in Behalf of the Town of *Cranston*, for the Purpose of meeting a Committee from the Town of *Scituate*, in order to agree with said *Scituate* Committee (if we could in our Opinion, consistent with Justice and Equity) upon a Division of the Highway lately laid out by the two Towns *Cranston* and *Scituate*, on and nearly adjoining the Seven Mile Line, so called ; which said Line is a dividing Line between the two said Towns, and for the fuller Confirmation of the laying out said Highway, Reference may be had to the proper Records of the said Towns : And whereas your Committee, accepting of the Trust reposed in them, and according to the Appointment, met the Committee appointed for the abovesaid Purpose by the Town of *Scituate* on Monday the Eighteenth Day of June, A. D. 1787 ; and did agree with said *Scituate* Committee upon the dividing of the abovesaid Highway in Manner as followeth, *that is to say* : The Town of *Cranston* is to have the Charge and Care of mending and keeping in Repair Thirty-eight Rods of the abovesaid Highway, beginning at the Highway that leads by *Caleb Fisk's*, Esq; and extending Southward to a Rock and Stones laid thereon : From thence *Scituate* is to have the Charge and Care of mending and keeping in Repair One Hundred and Sixty Rods, to a Stake standing by a Wall : From thence *Cranston* is in like Manner to extend Two Hundred and Thirty-six Rods ; then *Scituate* in like Manner to extend One Hundred and Eighty-four Rods ; then *Cranston* to extend in like Manner Two Hundred Rods to a white Oak Bush near Mr. *James Burlingame's* Mill.

“ YOUR Committee beg Leave to observe, that there is about Sixty Rods of Highway that was formerly and separately laid out by the Town of *Scituate* included in this Agreement, on Account of mere Conveniency to the two Towns : All which of the above your Committee have candidly agreed to with the said Committee from the Town of *Scituate*, and doth hereby submit the same accordingly.

CHRISTOPHER LIPPITT, }
STEPHEN KNIGHT, } Committee.”
ROBERT KNIGHT, }

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report and Agreement be and the same are hereby approved and established : And that the aforesaid Highway be proportioned unto the said Towns of *Scituate* and *Cranston*, to be by them respectively kept in Repair agreeably thereto.

Committee
to deliver the
Stores at Fort-
Washington to
the present
Gunner.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Joseph W. Tweedy*, and *John Tappan*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to receive from the late and deliver to the present Gunner of *Fort-Washington*,

ington, all the Guns, Carriages, Ammunition, and other Stores belonging to the State; taking an Inventory thereof, and giving and taking Receipts for the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Sberburne*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to examine the General-Treasurer's Office, and make out an exact List of all the Invalids returned to that Office, with their monthly Allowance, and the Sums respectively paid them; and that he report the same to this Assembly.

H. Sberburne
to make a
List of the
Invalids.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Paul Mumford, Andrew Waterman, Rowse J. Helme, Cromel Child, and Thomas Joslin*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to draught Instructions for the Delegates to represent this State in Congress; and that they lay the same before this Assembly, at the next Session.

Committee
to prepare
Instructions
to the Dele-
gates.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petitions from the undernamed Persons, praying that they may receive the forfeited Dividends of their respective State Securities, be and the same are hereby granted; and that they be paid respectively out of the General-Treasury, in the same Manner as if they had applied for Payment in due Season, to wit: *Caleb Gardner*, the Whole of Two Notes and One Certificate, amounting to *Three Pounds Sixteen Shillings*; *James Carpenter*, and *John Slocum*, Executors of *Pardon Tillinghast*, deceased, the First and Second Dividends of several Notes, amounting to *Forty-nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sevenpence Three Farthings*; *Hannah Belcher*, the First and Second Dividends of a Note, for *Five Pounds Ten Shillings and Twopence*; *Edward Borden*, the First and Second Dividends of a Note, for *Five Pounds Six Shillings and Threepence*; *Charles Keen*, the First and Second Dividends of a Note, for *Six Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Sixpence*; *David Wilkinson*, the First and Second Dividends of Two Notes, One for *Twenty-five Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Threepence*, and the other for *Six Shillings and Fivepence*; *Daniel Stillwell*, the First and Second Dividends of a Note, for *Seven Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Sevenpence Three Farthings*; *Benjamin Arnold*, the Whole of a Note, for *Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Twopence*; *Bonno Brown*, the Whole of a Note, for *Five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Sevenpence*, and of a Certificate, for *Ten Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fourpence*; *Stephen Waterman*, the Whole of a Note, for *Six Pounds Four Shillings and Sixpence*; *Benjamin Allin, jun.* the Whole of a Note, for *Three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Elevenpence*; *James Hall*, the First and Second Dividends of a Note, for *Twenty-eight Pounds Ten Shillings*; *Jonathan Burnell*, the First and Second Dividends of a Note, for *Twenty two Pounds Nine Shillings and Sixpence*; *Mary West*, the Whole of a Note, for *Eight Pounds Nineteen Shillings*.

Forfeited
Dividends to
be paid to
divers Per-
sons.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Christopher Ellery*, Esq; and *Mr. John Easton*, for the County of *Newport*; *John Dorrance*, Esq; and *Mr. Paul Allen*, for the County of *Providence*; *Joseph Stanton, jun.* and *James Sheldon*, Esquires, for the County of *Washington*; *Samuel Allen*, and *Jacob Saunders*, Esquires, for the County of *Bristol*; and *Oskniel Gor-*

Committee
to enquire
after public
Money.

son, and *Thomas Joselyn*, Esquires, for the County of *Kent*, be and they are hereby appointed Committees, in and for their respective Counties, to call upon and adjust the Accounts of the Collectors of Impost: That they also ascertain the Amount of the Sums of Money forfeited to the State, which have been lodged with the Justices of the Courts; how much hath been received by each, and what hath been paid into the General-Treasury; and to call upon those from whom any Thing is now due, for Money received as aforesaid, to pay the same immediately into the General-Treasury: That they also ascertain the Amount of the Money, which hath been received upon Account of the Interest Bonds, and how much hath been sued for: That they call upon the Persons who have received the same, to pay it immediately into the General-Treasury; and that they make Report of the Whole of their Proceedings to this Assembly, at the next Session.

Grant to *T. Rumrell*. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Rowse J. Helme*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed to procure Two Reams and a Quarter of Paper, and deliver the same to *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq; to pay for that Quantity lent by him to the Committee for issuing the Loan Money.

P. Edes allowed £15. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Fifteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Peter Edes*, in Part of his Account against the State.

Governor to write to the Delegates, in Favour of *H. Mason*. WHEREAS *Capt. Hale Mason* (Son of *John Mason*, Esq;) of *Warren*, who hath been absent for Eighteen Years last past, from this his native State, and is now in the *East-Indies*, hath during his Absence acquired considerable Property, and is now desirous to return, and wishes Protection for his Person and Property on his Way to this State: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That it be recommended to his Excellency the Governor to write to the Delegates of this State in Congress, to use their Influence that Protection be given by the Congress of the United States to the said *Hale Mason*, and his Property, to return to either of the United States, in as efficacious a Manner, and with the same national Authenticity, as Sea-Letters are granted to other Citizens of the United States.

Committee to audit *T. Rumrell's* Accounts. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Othniel Gorton*, and *Thomas Joselyn*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Accounts of *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq;

R. G. Sands's House made a Gaol. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sheriff of the County of *Washington* be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to make a Gaol of the House of *Mr. Robert G. Sands*, of *South-Kingstown*, if the said *Robert G. Sands* be willing, and no Cost arise to the State thereby, to confine the Town-Treasurers of the aforesaid County, until the common Gaol in the said County be fitted for their Reception.

Committee to audit *P. Edes's* Account. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Job Comstock*, Esq; *Samuel J. Potter*, Esq; and *Mr. Peleg Clarke*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to audit the Account of *Mr. Peter Edes*.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Town-Treasurers of the respective Towns, who have been committed to Gaol for the Deficiencies of the *Thirty Thousand Pounds Tax*, be and they are hereby liberated from their Confinement until the Second Monday in June next: And that, if any of the Collectors of Taxes shall not pay the Sums committed to them to collect by the said Day; with the Interest, the Sheriffs of the several Counties take up and recommit the Treasurers of such deficient Towns to Gaol until the Whole be paid. Town-Treasurers released.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue his Warrant within Ten Days to the Collector of Taxes for the Town of Coventry, to collect that Town's Proportion of the last State Tax, on or before the Second Monday in June next. Warrant to be issued to the Collector of Coventry.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County of New-Steps of the State-House in Newport procure the Steps at the North End of the State-House in Newport to be properly repaired; and that if any Step-Stones remain, he sell them, and account therefor to the State. in Newport to be repaired.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Thirty-six Pounds Three Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *William Davis, Esq*; it being the Amount of an Account by him exhibited, for the Expences of fitting up the Steps of the State-House in Newport. W. Davis allowed £ 36

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Thomas Tew*; it being the Amount of his Account, for Attendance as a Waiter upon this Assembly at the present Session. T. Tew allowed £ 4 16 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Fourteen Pounds Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Thomas Melvill*; it being the Amount of his Account, for Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, and in September last, and for cleaning the State-House in Newport. T. Melvill allowed £ 14 8 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons holding Impost Orders, and the Securities of this State, bearing an Interest of *Six per Cent.* whereof the First, Second and Third Quarter Parts have been ordered to be paid, may apply to the General-Treasurer; who is hereby directed to pay the last Quarter Part of the said Impost Orders and Securities. Last Dividend of public Securities to be paid.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Six Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. John Richards*; it being the Amount of his Account, for Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter, &c. J. Richards allowed £ 6 14 s.

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May, 1788.

J. Bliven allowed £ 4 16 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Sum of Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *James Bliven*; it being the Amount of his Account for attending as a Waiter upon this Assembly at the present Session.

Executions stayed. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Executions and Proceedings, for the Staying whereof Petitions are now pending before this Assembly, be and the same are hereby stayed, until such Petitions be heard.

Petitions referred. WHEREAS divers Persons, who preferred Petitions to this Assembly at the last Session, could not, by Reason of the Shortness of the Time between the two Sessions, give Bonds and take out Citations upon such Petitions: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all Petitions referred at the last be further referred to the next Session: And that the Petitioners who have so neglected be permitted to give Bonds within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and take out Citations; which shall be as good and valid as though Bonds had been given in Season.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and the same is hereby adjourned to the Second Monday in June next, then to meet at the State-House in *Newport*.

G O D save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

WITNESS,

Henry Ward

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *Newport*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the Second *Monday* in *June*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight, and in the Twelfth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Esq;

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

CALEB GARDNER, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

JOSEPH W. TWEEDY, Esq;

THOMAS COGGESHALL, Esq;

THOMAS HOXSIE, Esq;

Assistants.

HENRY SHERBURN, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

D E P U T I E S

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honourable OTHNIEL GORTON, Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq;*
 Henry Marchant, *Esq;*
 George Champlin, *Esq;*
 John Topham, *Esq;*
 Mr. Peleg Clarke,
 Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq;*
 Jabez Bowen, *Esq;*
 William Barton, *Esq;*
 Mr. Amos Throop.

PORTSMOUTH :

Elijah Cobb, *Esq;*
 Mr. Job Durfee,
 Benjamin Hall, *Esq;*
 Mr. Burrington Anthony.

WARWICK :

Hon. Othniel Gorton, *Esq;*
 Mr. Gideon Arnold,
 Mr. Jonathan Gorton,
 Mr. Anthony Holden.

WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq;*
 Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

Rowse J. Helme, *Esq;*

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Mr. James Congdon,
 Mr. Bowen Card.

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq;*
 John Gardner, *Esq;*

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. Joseph Fry,
 Job Comstock, *Esq;*

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. Benjamin Remington,
 Mr. John Eldred.

SMITHFIELD :

Andrew Waterman, *Esq;*

SCITUATE :

Peleg Fisk, *Esq;*
 Mr. James Aldrich.

GLOCESTER :

Mr. Seth Hunt,
 Stephen Windsor, *Esq;*

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun. Esq;*

Mr. Jonathan Hazard, *jun.*

WEST-GREENWICH :

Thomas Joslyn, *Esq;*

COVENTRY :

Jeremiah Fenner, *Esq;*
 William Burlingame, *Esq;*

EXETER :

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
 Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN :

Mr. William Peckham, *jun.*
 Mr. Joseph Coggeshall.

BRISTOL :

None.

TIVERTON :

Mr. Benjamin Howland,
 Thomas Durfee, *Esq;*

LITTLE-COMPTON :

Mr. George Simmons,
 Thomas Palmer, *Esq;*

WARREN :

Cromel Child, *Esq;*
 Mr. Smith Bowen.

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. John Lapham,
 John Gould, *Esq;*

RICHMOND :

James Sheldon, *Esq;*
 Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

George Waterman, *Esq;*
 Mr. William Potter.

HOPKINTON :

David Nichols, *Esq;*
 Mr. Ross Coon.

JOHNSTON :

Mr. William Waterman,
 Mr. Philip Arnold.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Mr. Edward Smith,
 Thomas Olney, *Esq;*

BARRINGTON :

Samuel Allen, *Esq;*
 Mr. Matthew Allen.

FOSTER :

Mr. William Howard.

ROWSE J. HELME, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS Mr. *Edmond Brown* preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he, with his Son, gave their joint Note to Mr. *John Coggeshall*: That he the Petitioner pursued the Steps of the Law, and lodged the Paper Currency of the State in the General-Treasury to pay the said Note; and that notwithstanding the said *John Coggeshall* took his Son in the State of *New-York*, and obtained the Money of him for the said Note: And thereupon the said *Edmond Brown* prayed this Assembly to order the General-Treasurer to pay him the Money so lodged: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted; and that the General-Treasurer pay unto the said *Edmond Brown* the Sum of *Seven Pounds Twelve Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, being the Sum lodged in the General-Treasury as aforesaid.

E. Brown allowed £ 7 12 s. 6 d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer for the County of *Newport*, and the Persons who were appointed in the other Counties to collect the Interest due upon the Bonds given for the Loan of the Money issued agreeably to an Act passed at the Session held in *May*, A. D. 1786, immediately notify by Advertisement the Persons in their several Counties who are indebted for Interest as aforesaid to pay the same to them respectively; and that if the Debtors neglect Payment, their Bonds which are become due be put in Suit, at the first Inferior Court which shall sit in the County where the Bonds are liable to be sued.

Interest Bonds to be put in Suit, in case.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the same Fees be allowed and taxed by the Courts in all such Actions as are allowed in other Actions or Suits: Any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the Indents now in his Office to the Commissioner of the Loan-Office of the United States, in this State; taking his Receipt for the same, on Account of the Requisitions of Congress.

Indents to be paid into the Loan-Office.

WHEREAS the Town of *Glocester* preferred a Petition unto this Assembly, representing, that in *March*, A. D. 1728, the Town of *Providence* (then containing all the Towns now in the County of *Providence*) laid out a Highway from *Connecticut* Line, Easterly to the compact Part of the said Town; it being a large Country Road, and much used: And that so much thereof hath been taken in by private Persons, that the travelling at some Seasons is rendered very difficult: And praying that the said Road may be relayed, and opened to its original Width: And the same being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the aforesaid Petition be granted; and that Messieurs *Moses Cooper*, *Stephen Brayton*, *Caleb Harris*, and *Thomas Olney*, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee for the Purposes aforesaid; and that they complete the said Business by the First Day of *November* next, without any Expence to the State.

Highway from Connecticut to Providence to be relayed.

Grant to J. P. Arnold. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Peleg Arnold, and Jonathan J. Hazard and P. Arnold, Esquires, be and they are hereby severally empowered to draw the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury; and that they account for the same respectively.*

State-House and Gaol in Providence to be repaired. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Nebemiah Knight, Esq; Sheriff of the County of Providence, be and he is hereby appointed to examine the Order which the State-House and Gaol in the said County are in; and that he make the necessary Repairs on the said Buildings, and lay his Account for the Expence thereof before this Assembly.*

Officers of the Pawtuxet Rangers. *THE following Return of Officers elected to command the Company of Pawtuxet Rangers, to wit:*

*Benjamin Arnold, Captain,
Israel Arnold, First Lieutenant,
Caleb Corpe, Second Lieutenant,
Oliver Paine, Ensign;*

being made to his Excellency the Governor and the Council, and duly considered, It is Voted and Resolved by the Council, That the said Choice be and hereby is approved.

Money lodged with the Judges to be paid into the Treasury. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the several Justices of the Superior and Inferior Courts within this State, be and they are hereby directed to pay into the General-Treasury, within One Month after the Rising of this Assembly, all the Money that hath been lodged in their Hands respectively by Debtors, and which is become confiscated to the State; excepting the Charges upon the several Sums by them received: That they lay their Accounts for their Services before this Assembly at the next Session; and that this Resolve be published in the News-Papers in this State immediately:*

B. Wheeler allowed £ 150. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Bennett Wheeler be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, on Account of Printing by him done for the State; and that he account for the same.*

M. Brown allowed £ 3. *WHEREAS Mr. Moses Brown is possessed of a Three Pounds Bill, of the Paper Currency of this State, numbered 7626, of which it appears that the Name of One of the Signers, and Part of the Name of another, have been accidentally cut off: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to deliver to the said Moses Brown, in Exchange therefor, Three Pounds out of the unloaned Money remaining in the General-Treasury.*

Forfeited State Securities to be paid to divers Persons.

To S. Harding. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Stephen Harding, of a Place called Casco-Bay, in Massachusetts, the Three First Dividends of Three State Notes in his Possession, amounting to One Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds Seven Shillings and Eight-*

pence, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season; and that if he do not apply therefor within One Month after the Rising of this Assembly, the same be forfeited to and for the Use of the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay unto To J. Smith. Mr. Joseph Smith, of Warren, the whole of an Impost Order for Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Fourpence Three Farthings in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mrs. To S. Munro. Sarah Munro, of Bristol, the whole of a State Note for Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Sevenpence in her Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied in due Season for Payment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. To J. Shearman. Joseph Shearman, of Portsmouth, the whole of a State Note for Five Pounds Two Shillings and Tenpence in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to John To J. Burton. Burton, Esq; of Cranston, the whole of a State Note for Six Pounds and Ninepence in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mrs. To M. Whitney. Mary Whitney the whole of an Impost Order for Fifteen Shillings and ^{ny} One Penny Halfpenny in her Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied in due Season for Payment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. To J. Hewes. Joseph Hewes, of Foxborough, in Massachusetts, the Three First Dividends of Four State Notes, amounting to One Hundred and Forty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Fivepence Three Farthings, and the First Dividend of another State Note for Eight Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence, all in his Possession, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment; and that if he do not apply therefor within One Month after the Rising of this Assembly, the same be forfeited to and for the Use of the State.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. To G. Sisson. Gilbert Sisson, of Swansey, in Massachusetts, the whole of a State Note for Four Pounds Four Shillings in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment; and that if he do not apply therefor within One Month after the Rising of this Assembly, the same be forfeited to the State

- To E. Remington.** *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mrs. Elizabeth Remington, of North-Providence, the whole of an Impost Order for *One Pound Twelve Shillings and Threepence* in her Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To S. Westcot.** *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Samuel Westcot, of Cranston, the whole of a State Note for *Three Pounds* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To P. Watson.** *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Pompey Watson the whole of a State Note for *Nine Pounds Four Shillings and Ninepence* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.
- To R. Viall.** *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mrs. Ruth Viall, of Rehoboth, in Massachusetts, the whole of an Impost Order for *Ten Pounds Nine Shillings and Tenpence Three Farthings* in her Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied in due Season for Payment.
- To J. Faulkner.** *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Joseph Faulkner, of the State of Massachusetts, the whole of a State Note for *Ten Pounds* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.
- To N. Smith.** *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Nathaniel Smith, of Barrington, the whole of an Impost Order for *Eight Pounds Five Shillings* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.
- To E. Humphrey.** *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Elkanah Humphrey, of Barrington, the whole of an Impost Order for *Three Pounds Twelve Shillings and Fivepence* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To Z. Reynolds.** *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Zaccheus Reynolds the whole of a State Note for *Three Pounds Seven Shillings and Elevenpence Halfpenny* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.
- To S. Tillinghast.** *IT is Voted and Resolved,* That the General-Treasurer pay to Mrs. Sarah Tillinghast, Executrix of William Tillinghast, deceased, the whole of a Treasurer's Note for *Three Pounds Nineteen Shillings* in her Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if Payment had been applied for in due Season.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. To *J. R. John Rogers Richmond*, of *Rebobo*, in *Massachusetts*, the whole of a *Richmond*. State Note for *Three Pounds Nine Skillings and One Penny* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. To *J. Phil. Jeremia* Phillips, of *Warwick*, the whole of an Impost Order for *One* *lip*. *Pound Four Skillings and Twopence* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. To *J. Allen. James Allen*, of *Charlestown*, the whole of Two State Notes, amounting to *Twenty-eight Pounds Thirteen Skillings and Eightpence*, in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

THE following State of the Account of *Joseph W. Tweedy*, Esq; as Report upon Collector of Impost for the County of *Newport*, and Report thereon, *J. W. Tweedy's Account*. were presented unto this Assembly, to wit :

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Joseph W. Tweedy*, Collector of Impost.

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| 1787. | } | To Cash paid into the General-Treasury, | | | Dr. |
| Sept. 10. | | as by the Treasurer's Receipt, | £ | 915 16 0 | |
| 1788. | } | To Ditto, | as per Ditto, | 911 15 6 | |
| May 6. | | To Ditto, | as per Ditto, | 890 2 5 | |
| | | To Ditto, | as per Ditto, | 376 9 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| | | To my Commissions for collecting the | | | |
| | | Sum of £ 3206 8 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. | | 112 4 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| | | To the Amount of outstanding Debts, as | | | |
| | | per List, | | 502 0 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
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| | | | £ | 3708 8 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ | |

Creditor.

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| 1787. By the Amount of Impost Duties, Part of | | |
| the Month of May, | £ 640 19 2½ | |
| By Ditto for the Month of June, | 743 15 8 | |
| By Ditto, July, | 160 9 1 | |
| By Ditto, August, | 275 17 6 | |
| By Ditto, September, | 167 1 0½ | |
| By Ditto, October, | 442 18 11 | |
| By Ditto, November, | 542 9 6½ | |
| By Ditto, December, | 46 12 10¾ | |
| 1788. By Ditto, January, | 10 7 8½ | |
| By Ditto, February, | 205 14 11¾ | |
| | By | |

June, 1788.

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| By Ditto, | March, | £ 209 16 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| By Ditto, for April, and until May 6, | | 262 5 9 |
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| | | £ 3708 8 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Errors, Omissions and outstanding Debts, excepted,
JOSEPH W. TWEEDY.

Adjusted this Account to May 7, 1788, in *Newport*.

CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, } Committee.
JOHN EASTON, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted.

Report upon WHEREAS the following State of the Account of Mr. Robert Crooke, late Collector of Impost for the County of *Newport*, and Report thereon, were presented unto this Assembly, to wit:

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| The State of <i>Rhode-Island, &c.</i> in Account with <i>Robert Crooke</i> , Collector of Impost for the County of <i>Newport</i> . | | Dr. |
| 1787. } May 14. } | To the Amount of sundry Orders, drawn by the General-Treasurer, in Favour of sundry Persons, on the Impost, paid by me, and delivered to him, as by his Receipt, | £ 549 5 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | To Cash paid the General-Treasurer, by Receipt, | 750 0 0 |
| | To the Amount of sundry Orders, drawn by the General-Treasurer, in Favour of sundry Persons, on the Impost, paid by me, and delivered to him, as by his Receipt, | 26 11 9 |
| | To Cash paid the General-Treasurer, as by Receipt, | 237 8 0 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| | To my Commissions on £ 1363 9s. 2d. the Sum collected by me, at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ per Cent. | 47 14 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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| | | £ 1610 19 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ |

Creditor.

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| 1786. } Oct. 28. } | By Balance due to the State, as per Account examined and signed by the Committee of this Date, | £ 247 10 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| | By Cash received for Impost Duties in | |
| | November, | 47 8 8 |
| | December, | 258 7 4 |
| 1787. } By Ditto, | January, | 71 7 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | February, | 74 11 6 |
| | March, | 359 13 4 |
| | | By |

June, 1788.

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| 1787. By Ditto, | April, | £ 19 14 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| By Ditto, | May, | 354 16 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| By Ditto, | June, | 177 9 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
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| | | £ 1610 19 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Newport, August 17, 1787.

Errors excepted,

ROBERT CROOKE.

THE above Account hath been duly examined, and compared with the Vouchers, and it stands balanced as above. All which is submitted by

CHRISTOPHER ELLERY, } Committee.
JOHN EASTON, }

Newport, May 27, 1788.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Account stand balanced.

RESOLVED, That all Persons possessed of the Notes issued by the General-Treasurer of this State, and Orders drawn on the Collectors of Impost (the Notes issued for the Redemption of the Four per Cent. Notes excepted) that have received either the First or Second Quarter Parts thereof, be and they are hereby entitled to receive the Third and last Quarter Part of said Notes and Impost Orders, in the same Manner as though they had applied for the same within the Time prescribed by Law; and the General-Treasurer is hereby ordered and directed to pay the same accordingly: Provided the Possessors of said Notes and Impost Orders apply for the same within One Month from the Rising of this Assembly: And all Persons neglecting to apply as aforesaid, the Notes and Impost Orders which they hold as aforesaid shall be forfeit, and enure to and for the Use of this State: That the Fourth Quarter Part of said Notes and Impost Orders (where no Part hath been received out of the General-Treasury by the former Acts of this Assembly) be and the same is hereby forfeited to and for the Use of this State, if Payment is not demanded within One Month from the Rising of this Assembly; any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding. And that this Resolve be published in the *Newport Mercury*, and in one of the *Providence News-Papers*, the Secretary giving Preference to that Printer, in *Providence*, he can agree with on the most reasonable Terms.

One Month allowed for the Payment of the Second and Third Dividends of public Securities.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented unto this Assembly, to wit:

Report of Monies lodged with the Judges, and received for Interest Bonds in Kent County.

WHEREAS we the Subscribers were appointed by the Honourable General Assembly, at their last Session, a Committee, to make Enquiry into and examine the several Offices of the Justices of the Superior and Inferior Courts in the County of *Kent*, of the Collectors of Impost,

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and of the Trustee for collecting the Interest Bonds in the County
aforesaid, do report as follows, *to wit* :

We find to have been lodged in the Hands of the
Hon. *Stephen Potter*, Esq; One of the Justices of
the Superior Court, £ 3386 16 5

That he hath paid into the General-
Treasury, as per Receipt, £ 1761 7 0
We also find that he hath kept back,
for Officers Fees, for his Trouble,
Printing, &c. *5 per Centum*, 294 19 0
And that the Balance now in his
Hands, to be paid into the Ge-
neral-Treasury, is 1330 10 5

£ 3386 16 5

We also find, that there hath been
lodged with the Hon. *Stephen Ar-
nold*, Esq; one of the Justices of
the Inferior Court, £ 96 10 9

That he hath paid into the General-
Treasury, £ 71 14 11
That he hath kept back, for his
Trouble, 9 12 0
Also for Officers Fees, Printing, &c. 15 3 10

£ 96 10 9

We also find, that there hath been
lodged with the Hon. *Anthony
Low*, Esq; one of the aforesaid
Justices, £ 78 6 0

That he hath kept back, for his
Trouble, £ 5 0 0
Also for Officers Fees, Printing, &c. 15 15 1
And that the Balance now in his
Hands, to be paid into the Gene-
ral-Treasury, is 57 10 11

£ 78 6 0

We also find, that there hath been
lodged with *William Greene*, Esq;
one of the aforesaid Justices, £ 89 4 8

That he hath paid into the General-
Treasury, £ 77 5 0
And that he kept back, for his Trouble, 5 4 4
And for Officers Fees, Printing, &c. 6 15 4

£ 89 4 8

We

We also find, that there hath been lodged with *Thomas Gorton, Esq;* one of the said Justices,

That he hath paid into the General-
Treasury,

And that he hath kept back, for his
Trouble,

And for Officers Fees, Printing, &c.

£ 22 10 0

4 11 8

2 18 4

£ 30 0 0

£ 30 0 0

We also find paid into the General-Treasury, by *Jonathan Gorton, Esq;* Keeper of the Interest Bonds for said County,

And that there remains in his Hands.

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100 0 0

ELEVEN Bonds put in Suit, at *January Term* of the Inferior Court for the said County; and Twelve Bonds were not out timely to be put in Suit by the said *Jonathan Gorton*.

WE also find, that no Impost-Office hath been kept in the said County during the Year.

OTHNIEL GORTON, } Committee.
THOMAS JOSLIN, }

N. B. Five Days Service each in attending to the said Buſineſs, including our Horſes and Expences, £ 20 0 0

£ 20 0 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That the said Account be allowed; and that *Twenty Pounds*, being the Amount thereof, be paid the said *Othniel Gorton*, and *Thomas Jolin*, out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Five Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Christopher Ellery, Esq; for Four Days Service in settling the Impost Act, and in ascertaining the forfeited Monies lodged in the General-Treasury by the Judges of the Superior and Inferior Courts in the County of Newport, and for the Interest Bonds.

C. E. Terry al-
lowed £ 5
6 s. 8 d.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Five Pounds Six Shillings and Eightpence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. John Easton, for Four Days Service in settling the Impost Accounts, and in ascertaining the forfeited Monies lodged in the General-Treasury by the Judges of the Superior and Inferior Courts in the County of Newport, and for the Interest Bonds.

J. Easton allowed £ 5
6 s. 8 d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Five Hundred Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Messieurs Jonathan J. Hazard, Nehemiah Knight, Job Comstock, Samuel Allen, and Elijah Cobb, in full Satisfaction for their Time, Services and Expences,

£500 allowed to J. J. Hazard, N. Knight, J. Comstock, S. Allen, and E. Cobb.

in procuring to be printed and signing the Bills of Credit ordered to be emitted by an Act of this Assembly passed at the Session in May, A. D. 1786.

T. Rumrell
appointed
Auditor.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Rumrell*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed Auditor of Accounts: That he attend at the Secretary's Office to bring up the Book of Accounts of Grants made by the General Assembly, and of Sums reported to be due to the State; and that he attend the General Assembly at their future Sessions upon that Business.

Report of the
Committee
respecting In-
dents paid in-
to the Gene-
ral-Treasury.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented unto this Assembly, *to wit*:

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee to enquire of the General-Treasurer the Amount of the Indents which have been received by him towards the Requisition of Congress of *September 27, A.D. 1785*, do report, that the Proportion of this State is *Sixty-four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-six Dollars*, One Third of which Sum, being *Twenty-one Thousand Five Hundred and Forty-five and One-Third Dollars*, was to be paid in actual Money, and the other Two Thirds in the Interest due on Loan-Office Certificates: That toward the Money Part the General-Treasurer hath paid the Sum of *Twelve Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-nine Dollars, Sixty-three Ninetieths and Two-Fifths*, in Teamsters' Certificates: That the Sum due in Interest Certificates is *Forty-three Thousand Ninety and Two Thirds Dollars*, of which the General-Treasurer hath in Hand *Twenty-two Thousand Two Hundred Dollars*, and as he is daily receiving them, expects in a short Time to have the whole completed: That the Requisitions of Congress, for the Year 1786, cannot be had at present, so that we cannot ascertain their Amount: That by the Requisition of Congress, in the Year 1787, this State is to pay into the Treasury of the United States the Sum of *Thirty-six Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-eight Dollars*, to be appropriated to the Payment of the Interest of the domestic Debt; and that it does not appear that Provision hath been made by the General Assembly for the Payment of any Part of the said Requisitions, for the Years 1786 and 1787. All which is submitted by

JABEZ BOWEN, } Committee.
JAMES SHELDON, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted.

Committee
to enquire re-
specting In-
dents and Re-
quisitions of
Congress.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Jabez Bowen*, and *James Sheldon*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to enquire of the General-Treasurer what is the Amount of the Indents received by him towards the Requisition of Congress of *September 27, A.D. 1785*, and to ascertain the Balance due on the said Requisition: That they also ascertain the Amount of what is due from this State upon the other Requisitions of Congress, which have not yet been adopted by the General Assembly; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

WHEREAS

THE following State of the Account of *William Barton*, Esq; late Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, and Report thereon, were laid before this Assembly, to wit :

State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *William Barton*, as Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, Dr.

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| 1787. | To Cash and Orders paid to the General- | |
| June 6. | Treasurer, as per his Receipt, | £ 171 12 2 |
| | To my Commissions on £ 77 3s. 5½d. at | |
| | 3¼ per Cent. | 2 14 0 |
| | Balance due to the State, | 2 8 10 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | £ 176 15 0 |

Creditor.

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| | By Balance due to the State, on the last Settlement, | £ 99 11 6½ |
| 1786. | By Impost received of <i>Simcon Potter</i> , | 4 18 3½ |
| Dec. 25. | By Ditto of <i>John Croad</i> , | 0 9 7 |
| Feb. 1787. | By Ditto of <i>Isaac Gorham</i> , | 11 5 4 |
| Mar. 19. | By Ditto of <i>John Croad</i> , | 13 0 0 |
| April 25. | By Ditto of <i>Luther Salisbury</i> , | 17 12 3 |
| May 1. | By Ditto of <i>Samuel Wardwell</i> , | 20 1 0 |
| | By Ditto of <i>Thomas Paine</i> , | 9 17 0 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | £ 176 15 0 |

Errors excepted.

WILLIAM BARTON.

WE the Subscribers, a Committee appointed to audit the Account of *William Barton*, Esq; late Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, do report, that we have examined the said Account, and find it well vouched, and right cast; and that there is a Balance due from the said *William Barton*, to the State, of *Two Pounds Eight Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money. Which is submitted by

SAMUEL ALLEN, } Committee.
JACOB SANDERS, }

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: And that the said *William Barton* pay the said Balance into the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS *Joseph Stanton*, jun. and *James Sheldon*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report and Account, to wit :

Report of forfeited Money, Impost Money, and Interest on Loan Money, in *Washington* County, paid into the General-Treasury.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to adjust the Accounts of the Collector of Impost in the County of *Washington*, and to enquire of the Judges of the Superior and Inferior Courts in the County

June, 1788.

ty aforesaid, how much Money hath been lodged with them respectively, which hath been forfeited to the State, and what Sums have been paid by them into the General-Treasury; and also to enquire of *Benjamin Davis*, Esq; how much he hath received of the First Year's Interest due upon the Loan Money in the said County, and what Bonds remain unpaid, beg Leave to report, that, pursuant to our Appointment,

We have called upon and adjusted the Account of *George Thomas*, Esq; the Collector of Impost, and find by his Account that he hath received the Sum of

£ 53 8 3

We also find, that he hath paid into the General-Treasury the Sum of £ 41 9 0

His Commissions, at $2\frac{1}{2}$ per Centum, amount to

1 6 8

Balance due to the State,

10 12 7

£ 53 8 3

We also find, that there hath been lodged with *Joseph Hazard*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Superior Court, the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Ninety-six Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Twopence*; and that first deducting *5 per Centum* for his Trouble, for Officers Fees, and for Printing, he hath paid the Balance into the General-Treasury.

We also find, that there hath been lodged with *Sylvester Gardner*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Inferior Court, the Sum of *One Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, which he hath paid into the General-Treasury, excepting the Sum of *Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds* now in his Hands; the Time for the Payment of Part of that Sum into the General-Treasury not being expired, and there being a Prospect of a Settlement between the Parties with Respect to another Part of said Sum in his Hands. The Sum paid into the General-Treasury is exclusive of *5 per Centum* for his Trouble, Officers Fees, and Printing.

We also find, that there hath been lodged with *Robert Stanton*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Inferior Court, the Sum of *Four Hundred and Seventy-one Pounds Three Shillings and Twopence*, which he hath paid into the General-Treasury, exclusive of *5 per Centum* for his Fees, Officers Fees, and for Printing.

We also find, that there hath been lodged with *Edward Wells*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Inferior Court, the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*, which he hath paid into the General-Treasury, exclusive of *5 per Cent.* for his Fees, Officers Fees, and Printing.

We also find, that *Benjamin Davis*, Esq; hath received Interest Bonds for the Money loaned in the said County, which was emitted in *May*, A.D. 1786, to the Amount of

£ 1097 3 $\frac{6}{12}$
That

That he hath paid into the General-Treasury, £ 500 0 0

That the Bonds in his Office yet unpaid amount to 242 5 3

Which Bonds he was issuing Writs upon, returnable to the next Inferior Court in said County.

And that there remains in his Hands, 354 18 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
£ 1097 3 6 $\frac{1}{2}$

Which is submitted, by

JOSEPH STANTON, jun. } Committee.
 JAMES SHELTON, }

State of Rhode-Island, &c. to the Committee, Dr.
 To Joseph Stanton, jun. for 5 Days Service in performing the said Business, £ 10 0 0
 To James Sheldon, for 5 Days Service in performing the said Business, 10 0 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: That the said Account be allowed; and that the said Joseph Stanton, jun. and James Sheldon, be severally paid the said Sum of Ten Pounds out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS Mr. Isaac Browning, of South-Kingstown, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he lodged with Robert Stanton, Esq; one of the Justices of the Inferior Court in the County of Washington, the Sum of Seventy-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Ninepence, to discharge a Note due to Mr. Timothy Lock, jun. who refusing to take the same, it became forfeit to this State: And that the said Timothy Lock hath since put the said Note in Suit; and at the Superior Court held in the said County, in April last, obtained final Judgment against him: And thereupon the said Isaac Browning prayed this Assembly to direct the General-Treasurer to pay him the Money lodged in the General-Treasury, as forfeited to the State: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay to the said Isaac Browning the Sum which he received of Robert Stanton, Esq; as the Money forfeited to the State, being the Money lodged by the Petitioner to discharge the said Note to the said Timothy Lock.

ESEK HOPKINS, Esq; who was appointed one of the Committee to take Care of the Narraganset Tribe of Indians in this State, being unable to attend upon that Business, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That he be exonerated therefrom; and that Joseph Stanton, jun. Rowse J. Helms, and Joseph Hoxfle, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a standing Committee, to inspect into and take Care of the Affairs of the said Tribe.

UPON

C. Gardner's Mortgage to be exchanged. UPON the Petition of *Samuel Gardner*, of *South-Kingstown*, preferred to this Assembly, with the Consent of *Christopher Gardner*, alio of *South-Kingstown*, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Trustees for the Town of *Westerly*, for loaning the Bills of Credit emitted in *May*, A. D. 1786, releafe the Lands of the said *Christopher Gardner*, lying in said *South-Kingstown*, mortgaged to the State, for a Sum of the said Money, from the said Mortgage, upon the said *Samuel Gardner's* mortgaging other Lands to the Satisfaction of the said Trustees, to secure the Payment of the Money so taken up by the said *Christopher Gardner*, with the Interest; and that the said *Samuel Gardner* be at the whole Expence of exchanging the Securities.

Grant to J. Wilbur. WHEREAS Mr. *Joseph Wilbur*, of *Little-Compton*, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he lodged *Thirty-three Pounds*, in the Paper Currency of this State, with *William Richmond*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Inferior Court for the County of *Newport*, to discharge a Note due to Mr. *Christopher White*, which became forfeit to the State, and was lodged in the General-Treasury; and that he hath since paid the said Note in another Way, and taken it up: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to direct the General-Treasurer, to pay him the Money lodged as aforesaid: Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Wilbur* be and he is hereby empowered to draw out of the General-Treasury the Sum lodged by the said *William Richmond*, on Account of the said Note.

Report of forfeited Money, and Money for Interest, in Bristol County, lodged in the General-Treasury. WHEREAS the following Report and Account were presented unto this Assembly, *to wit*:
WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee, to adjust the Accounts of the Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, to ascertain what Sums of Money have been lodged with the Justices of the Inferior Court in the County aforesaid, which is forfeited to the State, and how much hath been paid into the General-Treasury upon the Interest Bonds in the said County, and what still remains due thereon, do report, that

WE have adjusted the Accounts of *William Barton*, Esq; late Collector of Impost for the said County, and laid a State thereof before this Assembly.

WE have waited on *Cromel Child*, Esq; the present Collector of Impost for the said County, who informed us that he was not ready for a Settlement.

WE find, that there hath been lodged with *William Turner Miller*, Esq; one of the Justices of the said Court, £ 28 12 0
Out of which he hath reserved, for
Fees and Charges, £ 6 13 0
And paid into the General-Treasury, 21 19 0
£ 28 12 0

WE

WE find, that there hath been lodged with *James Miller*, Esq; one of the Justices of the said Court,

£ 12 0 0

That he hath reserved, for Fees and Charges,

£ 6 5 6
5 14 6

And paid into the General-Treasury

£ 12 0 0

WE find, there hath been lodged with *Elkanah Humphry*, Esq; one of the Justices of the said Court, and by him paid into the General-Treasury,

£ 703 13 1

WE cannot report what he reserved for Commissions and Charges; for, after several fruitless Applications, we have obtained only a very imperfect Account.

The Money lodged in the General-Treasury, on Account of Tenders made in the said County, amounts to

£ 731 6 7

From which the Tender made by *Samuel Allen*, as Attorney to *Afa Allen*, is to be deducted; it being taken out of the General-Treasury by Order of the General Assembly, amounting to

19 8 0

£ 711 18 7

WITH Respect to the Interest Bonds for Money loaned in the said County,

WE find, that the Amount of the Interest Bonds for the Town of *Bristol* is

£ 79 10 8½
56 6 7½

That they have paid

Due from *Bristol*,

£ 23 4 0¼

WE find, that the Amount of the said Bonds, for *Warren* is

£ 43 14 2
29 5 1¼

That they have paid

Due from *Warren*,

£ 14 9 0½

WE find, that the Amount of the said Bonds for *Barrington* is

£ 31 1 5½
20 11 9½

That they have paid

Due from *Barrington*,

£ 10 9 8

The whole Sum due on the said Bonds from the said County is

£ 48 2 9½

All which is submitted by

SAMUEL ALLEN, } Committee.
JACOB SANDERS, }

The State to the Committee, Dr.
To Samuel Allen, for 3 Days Attendance upon said Business, £ 6 0 0
To Jacob Sanders, for 1 Day Ditto, 2 0 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted : That the said Account be allowed ; and that the said Samuel Allen be empowered to draw the said Sum of Six Pounds, and the said Jacob Sanders the said Sum of Two Pounds, out of the General-Treasury.

Committee to settle C. Child's Account continued. AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said Samuel Allen, and Jacob Sanders, be and they are hereby continued a Committee, to adjust the Accounts of the said Cromel Child.

Treasurer to exchange Paper Money for Indents. IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, to exchange the Bills of Credit, emitted by this State, for as many Indents as he can procure, between this Time and the next Session of this Assembly ; not exceeding the Sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Grant to J. Cooke of forfeited Money. IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to John Cooke, of Tiverton, Esq; the whole of an Imposit Order for Four Pounds Seven Shillings and Fourpence Three Farthings in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

Collectors of Taxes to give Bond. WHEREAS divers of the Collectors of Taxes in this State, instead of keeping fair and plain Tax-Bills, and settling and marking the Rate-Lifts as they receive the Money for Taxes, give Receipts on Account of the Taxes, whereby Delays are occasioned, and great Injuries are done to the Citizens of this State :

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That each Collector of Taxes within this State shall, upon his accepting the Office, give good and sufficient Bond, with competent Sureties, that they will, if required by the Town appointing them, or by the Town-Treasurer thereof, once in every Fourteen Days, lay before such Town-Treasurer a clear and regular State of the Taxes committed to him to collect, and exhibit a Tax-Bill of the same, regularly and fairly kept ; giving Credit therein for all the Money received to every Person paying the same.

Grant to T. Tillingbass of forfeited Money. IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Thomas Tillingbass, of East-Greenwich, Esq; the whole of a State Note for Five Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Elevenpence Farthing in his Possession, Part

Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in Season for Payment.

WHEREAS *John Dorrance*, Esq; and *Mr. Paul Allen*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit :

Report upon the Impost Accounts, of forfeited Money lodged in the General-Treasury, and of Interest Money paid in for the County of Providence.

WE the Subscribers being appointed a Committee to adjust the Accounts of the late and present Collectors of Impost for the County of Providence, to enquire what Sums of Money have been lodged with the Judges of the Court in the County aforesaid, which are forfeited to the State, and also to enquire what Money hath been paid on Account of Interest Bonds in the said County, beg Leave to report; that having carefully attended to the Business, we find, that

John Mathewson, Esq; the present Collector of Impost, hath received for Imposts, from May 8, A. D. 1787, to May 1, A. D. 1788,

£ 3372 9 10½

That he hath paid into the General-Treasury

£ 1606 13 11½

And that the Balance in his Hands, exclusive of his Commissions, is

1765 15 11¼

£ 3372 9 10½

WE also find, that there hath been lodged with *Richard Steere*, Esq; one of the Judges of the Inferior Court,

£ 381 18 0

That he hath paid into the General-Treasury

£ 357 0 0

And that the Balance in his Hands is

24 18 0

£ 381 18 0

WE also find, that there hath been lodged with *Ebenezer Thompson*, Esq; one of the Judges of the said Court,

£ 391 10 0

That he hath paid into the General-Treasury

£ 368 8 6

And that the Balance in his Hands is

23 1 6

£ 391 10 0

WE also find, that there hath been lodged with *Caleb Harris*, Esq; one of the Judges of the said Court,

£ 746 17 1

That

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That he hath paid into the General-Treasury

£ 709 16 0

And that the Balance in his Hands is

37 1 1

£ 746 17 1

We also find, that there hath been lodged with *Abraham Mathewson, Esq;* one of the Judges of the said Court,

£ 837 8 6

That he hath paid into the General-Treasury

£ 151 18 7

And that the Balance in his Hands is

685 9 11

£ 837 8 6

We also find, that *John Sayles, Esq;* the Trustee for the Interest Bonds, hath received of the General-Treasurer Interest Bonds to the Amount of

£ 1333 8 1½

That he hath paid into the General-Treasury

£ 669 19 6

That there are now Bonds in Suit to the Amount of

105 0 0½

And that the Balance in his Hands is

558 8 7½

£ 1333 8 1½

All which is submitted by

JOHN DORRANCE, } Committee.
PAUL ALLEN, }

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be accepted: And that the Sum of *Eight Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the said *John Dorrance*, and *Paul Allen*, severally, for their above mentioned Services.

Committee
to settle the
Accounts of
C. Harris, and
T. Foster.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That the said *John Dorrance*, and *Paul Allen*, be continued, to adjust the Accounts of *Caleb Harris*, and *Theodore Foster*, Esquires, late Collectors of Impost for the County of Providence.

Grant to *P. Cranston* of
forfeited Mo-
ney.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Miss *Penelope Cranston*, of *Newport*, the Three First Dividends of a State Note for *Thirty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Twopence* in her Possession,

feſſion, which Dividends are forfeited to the State, in the ſame Manner as if ſhe had applied for Payment in due Season.

IT is Voted and Reſolved, That the General-Treaſurer pay to Mrs. *Hannab Shearman*, and Mrs. *Eunice Shearman*, of *Portsmouth*, the whole of Two State Notes, amounting to *Two Pounds Four Shillings and Threepence*, in their Poſſeſſion, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the ſame Manner as if they had applied for Payment in due Season.

Grant to H. and E. Shearman of forfeited Money.

IT is Voted and Reſolved, That the General-Treaſurer pay to Mr. *Peleg Simmons*, of *Tiverton*, the whole of an Impoſt Order for *One Pound Five Shillings and Twopence One Farthing* in his Poſſeſſion, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the ſame Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

Grant to P. Simmons of forfeited Money.

IT is Voted and Reſolved, That *Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treaſury to *Bowen Card*, and *George Thomas*, Eſquires; it being the Amount of an Account by them exhibited, for the Coſt of apprehending and committing to Gaol one *Thomas Murfey*, who was convicted of Theft, at a Court of General Sessions of the Peace, held in the County of *Waiſhing-ton*, in the Year 1786, and was unable to pay the Charges.

B. Card and G. Thomas allowed £ 3 18 s.

IT is Voted and Reſolved, That *Two Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treaſury to Mr. *Edward Thurber*; it being the Amount of his Account, for Paper delivered to the Commiſſioners for ſettling the Accounts of this State with the United States.

E. Thurber allowed £ 2 14 s.

UPON the Petition of Mr. *Peter Colvin*, of *Coventry*, repreſenting that he purchaſed of Mr. *John Wilbur*, of *Scituate*, a State Note for *Three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Sevenpence*, and lodged the ſame with the General-Treaſurer in Season, to receive the Firſt Dividend thereof; and that upon Application for the Money, the ſaid Note is not to be found: *It is Voted and Reſolved*, That the General-Treaſurer pay to the ſaid *Peter Colvin* the Amount of the ſaid Note, with the Intereſt; and that he minute the ſaid Note, with the Number thereof, that it may not be paid again, in caſe it ſhould ever appear.

Grant to P. Colvin.

IT is Voted and Reſolved, That the General-Treaſurer pay to Mrs. *Martba Giffard*, of *Little-Compton*, the whole of an Impoſt Order for *Three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Ninepence* in her Poſſeſſion, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the ſame Manner as if ſhe had applied in due Season for Payment.

Grant to Mrs. Giffard of forfeited Money.

IT is Voted and Reſolved, That the General-Treaſurer pay to Mr. *James Bliven*, of *Newport*, the whole of an Impoſt Order for *One Pound Twelve Shillings and Eightpence* in his Poſſeſſion, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the ſame Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

Grant to J. Bliven of forfeited Money.

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WHEREAS

J. Aylsworth's WHEREAS Messieurs *Stukely Hudson*, and *Judiab Aylsworth*, both of *West-Greenwich*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that the said *Judiab Aylsworth* mortgaged a Piece of Land to the State for *Thirty-three Pounds*, in the Bills of Credit emitted in *May*, A. D. 1786, and also gave Bonds agreeably to the Act of the General Assembly: And that the said *Judiab Aylsworth* hath since sold the said Land to the said *Stukely Hudson*: And thereupon they prayed that the said *Stukely Hudson* may give a Mortgage of the same Land, and Bonds to secure the Payment of the said Sum, with the Interest, in the same Manner as the said *Judiab Aylsworth* is now held and bound; and that thereupon the said *Judiab Aylsworth* may be discharged from the Mortgage and Bonds, by him given as aforesaid: On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted: And that the Committee for loaning Money, for the Town of *West-Greenwich*, exchange the said Mortgage and Bonds agreeably to the said Petition; they taking Care that the State be properly secured for the said Money; and that the Expence of exchanging the said Securities be paid by the Petitioners.

Grant to W. Peckham of forfeited Money. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. *William Peckham*, of *South-Kingstown*, the whole of a State Note for *Four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Fivepence* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

Money emitted in June, 1780, to be redeemed. WHEREAS at the Session of the General Assembly, held in *June*, A. D. 1780, a Bank of Paper Money, funded upon real Estate, bearing an Interest of *Five per Centum*, was emitted; and although Provision hath been made for redeeming the greatest Part of the same, yet some of the said Bills remain in the Hands of the Citizens of this State: And as the whole of the said Bank ought to be called in and burnt, *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby empowered and directed, to exchange all such Bills of the said Emission as shall be carried into his Office, for the Bills of Credit emitted in *May*, A. D. 1786, reckoning compound Interest on the said Bills funded on real Estate, at the Rate of *Six per Centum per Annum*, from the Time they were issued until they be exchanged.

J. M. Green allowed £ 185. WHEREAS the following State of an Account was laid before this Assembly, *to wit*:

The State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *John Morley Green*, Dr.
To my Wages, as Clerk to the Commissioners for adjusting this State's Account against the United States, Nine Months, commencing in *August*, A. D. 1787, at £ 45 per Month, £ 405 0 0
Creditor,

Creditor.

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| By Cash received at sundry Times of <i>Rowse J. Helme,</i> | |
| Esq; | £ 220 0 0 |
| Balance due to <i>John Morley Green,</i> | 185 0 0 |
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| | £ 405 0 0 |

Errors excepted,

JOHN M. GREEN.

Providence, June 11, 1788.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Account be allowed; and that *One Hundred and Eighty five Pounds*, Lawful Money, being the Balance thereof, be paid the said *John M. Green* out of the General-Treasury.

HENRY SHERBURNE, Esq; having reported unto this Assembly a Report of the List of all the Invalids returned into the General-Treasurer's Office, Invalids, with the monthly Allowance to each of them, and the Sums which have been paid to each Person, as follow, *to wit* :

Names.

| Names. | Allow- ance per Month. | Amount of the Demands of the Invalids, against the State, from the Time they were last paid to July 1, 1788. | Paper Money paid on Ac- count. | Sums now allowed. |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Richard Hopkins | £ 0 15 0 | 30 Mon. | £ 22 10 0 | £ 60 0 0 |
| John Smith | 0 14 0 | 10 Ditto | 7 9 4 | 1788. April 28, £ 40 0 0 |
| Plato Wheeler | 1 4 0 | 0 Ditto | 10 16 0 | 30 0 0 |
| Major Daniel Box | 3 4 0 | 28 Ditto | 54 12 0 | 50 0 0 |
| Joseph Tanner | 1 1 0 | 9 Ditto | 9 9 0 | 30 0 0 |
| Plato McClanning | 0 18 0 | 6 Ditto | 5 8 0 | 20 0 0 |
| Abial Weaver | 0 15 0 | 7 Ditto | 5 8 9 | April 14, 24 0 0 |
| Richard Sephton | 1 10 0 | 6 Ditto | 9 0 0 | 1787. Sept. 15, 40 0 0 |
| | | | | 1788. March 31, 40 0 0 |
| Edward Peirce | 1 10 0 | 33 Ditto | 50 0 0 | April 7, 80 0 0 |
| Charles Scott | 0 19 0 | 6 Ditto | 4 10 0 | 20 0 0 |
| John Elliott | 0 15 0 | 3 Ditto | 2 5 0 | 16 0 0 |
| Comfort Bishop | 1 0 0 | 35 Ditto | 35 0 0 | 8 0 0 |
| George Townsend | 1 2 6 | 3 Ditto | 3 7 6 | 100 0 0 |
| Anthony Foster | 1 4 0 | 12 Ditto | 14 8 0 | 10 0 0 |
| Levi Cesar | 0 18 0 | 18 Ditto | 34 4 0 | 12 0 0 |
| Jabez Pratt | 1 1 0 | 12 Ditto | 12 12 0 | 100 0 0 |
| William Emerson | 1 4 0 | 3 Ditto | 3 12 0 | 10 0 0 |
| Prince Greene | 1 4 0 | 12 Ditto | 14 2 0 | 40 0 0 |
| Simeon White | 1 4 0 | 12 Ditto | 14 8 0 | 40 0 0 |
| Bristol Rhodes | 1 10 0 | 9 Ditto | 13 10 0 | |
| John Anthony | 1 4 0 | 21 Ditto | 25 4 0 | Mar. 12, 40 0 0 |
| Matthew Henley | 1 4 0 | 9 Ditto | 10 10 0 | April 28, 40 0 0 |
| William Balfow | 1 1 0 | 15 Ditto | 15 15 0 | Mar. 5, 40 0 0 |
| Job Greenman | 1 4 0 | 34 Ditto | 41 16 9 | 45 0 0 |
| John Slocum | 1 10 0 | 6 Ditto | 9 0 0 | 120 0 0 |
| Prince Vaughan | 1 2 0 | 9 Ditto | 9 18 0 | Mar. 8, 40 0 0 |
| John Asmbury | 0 15 0 | 9 Ditto | 6 15 0 | April 10, 25 0 0 |
| Peter Barrows | 0 14 0 | 29 Ditto | 20 15 0 | April 14, 35 0 0 |
| Robert Piper | 1 4 0 | 35 Ditto | 42 0 0 | Mar. 17, 40 0 0 |
| Benjamin Tompkins | 1 10 0 | 30 Ditto | 45 15 0 | 20 0 0 |
| Edward Bennet | 1 10 0 | 8 Ditto | 12 1 0 | 120 0 0 |
| Comfort Eddy | 1 10 0 | 18 Ditto | 27 0 0 | 130 0 0 |
| Joseph A. Richards | 1 3 0 | 6 Ditto | 6 6 0 | April 16, 40 0 0 |
| Benvil Laroach | 1 4 0 | 18 Ditto | 21 12 0 | April 29, 53 10 0 |
| Francis Robertson | 1 4 0 | 13 Ditto | 15 18 0 | April 13, 36 4 0 |
| Briton Saltonstall | 1 1 0 | 12 Ditto | 12 12 0 | April 28, 35 0 0 |
| Jack Champlin | 1 1 0 | 18 Ditto | 18 18 0 | 20 0 0 |
| William Parker | 1 4 0 | 4 Ditto | 4 16 0 | 40 0 0 |
| George Bradford | 0 12 0 | 18 Ditto | 16 19 0 | 15 0 0 |
| Richard Grant | 0 18 0 | 6 Ditto | 5 8 0 | April 29, 40 0 0 |
| Guy Watfon | 0 15 0 | 15 Ditto | 11 5 0 | May 18, 25 0 0 |
| Daniel Monks | 0 15 0 | 4 Ditto | 3 0 0 | 35 0 0 |
| Hugh M'Dougall | 0 15 0 | 3 Ditto | 2 5 0 | 10 0 0 |
| Capt. Thomas Arnold | 6 0 0 | 28 Ditto | 168 0 0 | 6 0 0 |
| | | Due on a former Settlement | 64 3 3 | Mar. 6, 216 0 0 |
| Southcot Langworthy | 0 18 0 | 3 Mon. | 2 14 0 | 100 0 0 |
| Joseph Button | 1 10 0 | 3 Ditto | 4 10 0 | 8 0 0 |
| Ezra Chace | 1 10 0 | 12 Ditto | 18 0 0 | 15 0 0 |
| Uriah Stone | 1 10 0 | 34 Ditto | 52 7 0 | 50 0 0 |
| Benoni Simmons | 1 10 0 | 27 Ditto | 41 2 0 | 150 0 0 |
| Simon Johnson | 1 7 0 | 17 Ditto | 37 0 0 | 120 0 0 |
| John Mowrey | 0 13 6 | 2 Ditto | 1 11 6 | April 14, 80 0 0 |
| John Harey | 0 15 0 | 18 Ditto | 13 16 6 | 4 0 0 |
| Ensign Samuel Black | 1 10 0 | 24 Ditto | 36 4 0 | 40 0 0 |
| Peter Burnes | 1 10 0 | 38 Ditto | 57 0 0 | 100 0 0 |
| Jacob Briggs | 1 10 0 | 35 Ditto | 52 10 0 | 150 0 0 |
| Benoi Taylor | 1 10 0 | 35 Ditto | 53 17 0 | 150 0 0 |
| Abijah Adams | 1 10 0 | 35 Ditto | 52 10 0 | 100 0 0 |
| Samuel Talman | 1 10 0 | 32 Ditto | 48 0 0 | 150 0 0 |
| Jabez Remington | 1 10 0 | 35 Ditto | 52 10 0 | 150 0 0 |
| Prince Jenckes | 1 10 0 | 11 Ditto | 16 10 0 | Mar. 10, 50 0 0 |
| James Chappel | 1 1 0 | 15 Ditto | 17 1 0 | 80 0 0 |
| Thomas Richardson | 0 15 0 | 6 Ditto | 4 10 0 | 1787. Nov. 3, 30 0 0 |
| Edward Gaver | 1 10 0 | 3 Ditto | 4 10 0 | 15 0 0 |

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AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted : That the several Invalids in the foregoing List, against whose Names Sums of Money are affixed in the last Column, be and they are hereby empowered to receive out of the General-Treasury the Sums so affixed against their Names respectively, on Account of their Pensions ; and that they severally account for the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That a Tax of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, Tax ordered. Lawful Money, be and the same is hereby ordered to be assessed upon the several Towns in this State, in the same Manner that the last State Tax was apportioned ; and that it be collected and paid into the General-Treasury on or before the First Day of *December* next.

WHEREAS many Difficulties have arisen within this State, in the Completion of the Settlement of the Accounts with the United States, by having different Commissioners on Behalf of the United States appointed, whereby the Time limited for receiving the Claims of this State hath proved too short for that Purpose : *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby requested to write to the Delegates of this State in Congress, desiring them to move to the Board of Treasury, that a further Time of Four Months be allowed for this State to exhibit its Claims against the United States ; assigning in his Letter to them the particular Reasons why a further Time is absolutely necessary.

THE Honourable *Othniel Gorton*, Esq; Speaker of the Lower House, Officers choosing resigned his Seat as a Member of that House ; the Honourable *Joseph Stanton*, jun. Esq; was chosen, by the Lower House, Speaker in his Stead.

BOTH Houses being joined in a Grand Committee, elected the following Officers, *to wit* :

James Congdon, Esq; Sixth Assistant, in the Room of *William Congdon*, Esq; who declined.

John Dorrance, Esq; Ninth Assistant.

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| <i>Othniel Gorton</i> , Esq; Chief <i>William West</i> , Esq; Second <i>Stephen Potter</i> , Esq; Third <i>Walter Cooke</i> , Esq; Fourth <i>Simeon Clarke</i> , jun. Esq; Fifth | } | Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Gaol-Delivery, in and throughout the State. |
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Archibald Kasson, Esq; Fifth Justice of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of *Kent*.

Jesse Winsor, Esq; Seventh, and *John Ray*, Esq; Eighth, Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Glocester*.

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Benjamin Barton, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Warwick*, in Addition to those already appointed.

Jeffery Wilcox, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Exeter*, in Addition to those already appointed.

Stephen Jenckes, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *North-Providence*, in Addition to those already appointed.

Simson Babcock, Esq; Sixth Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Charlestown*.

William Tyler, Esq; Sixth Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Foster*.

Elihu Williams, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Cranston*, in the Place of *Jeriah Hawkins*, Esq; who declined.

Peleg Fisk, *John Harris*, *Thomas Mowry*, *Josiah Colvin*, *John Wilbur*, and *John Hill*, Esquires, Justices of the Peace for the Town of *Situate*.

Daniel White, Esq; Seventh, and *Randall Wells*, Esq; Eighth, Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Hopkinton*.

Benjamin Johnson, *Jonathan Dean*, *Samael Hopkins*, jun. *John Parker*, *William Nichols*, and *Levi Whitford*, Esquires, Justices of the Peace for the Town of *West-Greenwich*.

Daniel Mason, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *Newport*, in Addition to those already appointed.

Isaac Tanner, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the Town of *South-Kingsfeton*, in Addition to those already appointed.

Military Officers.

Phineas Miner, Esq; Major of the Senior Class Regiment in the County of *Washington*.

Caleb Greene, Esq; (Son of *Philip*) Major of the Second Regiment of Militia in the County of *Kent*.

OFFICERS to command the several Companies of Militia.

WARWICK:

Second Company.

Nicholas Arnold, Captain.

Anthony Arnold, Lieutenant.

Othniel Wightman, Ensign.

Third Company.

Thomas Westcot, Captain.

Edward Stafford, Lieutenant.

Samuel Gorton (Son of *Jonathan*) Ensign.

SCITUATE:

Senior Class Company.

Jonathan Smith, Captain.

Samuel Wilbur, Lieutenant.

Daniel Fisk, jun. Ensign.

First

First Company.

Thomas Relph, *Captain.*
Eleazer Collins, *Lieutenant.*
Jeremiah Baker, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Nathaniel Medbury, *Captain.*
Joseph Fenner, *Lieutenant.*
Abner Burlingame, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.

Dean Kimball, *Captain.*
Resolved Smith, *Lieutenant.*
Christopher Smith, *Ensign.*

COVENTRY :

First Company.

Stephen Greene, *Captain.*
John I. Kilton, *Lieutenant.*
William Johnson, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

William Roy, *Captain.*
Lory Jenckes, *Lieutenant.*
Thomas Arnold, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

Stephen Greene, *Captain.*
Job Mathewson, *Lieutenant.*
Jonathan Nichols, *jun. Ensign.*

Fourth Company.

Joseph Rice, *Captain.*
Silas Westcott, *Lieutenant.*
William Bates, *Ensign.*

JOHNSTON :

First Company.

Joshua Remington, *Captain.*
Isaac Fisk, *Lieutenant.*
Benjamin Atwood, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Philip Arnold, *Captain.*
Joshua Kimball, *Lieutenant.*
Abraham Belknap, *Ensign.*

CUMBERLAND :

Senior Class Company.

Levi Tower, *Captain.*
Benjamin S. Walcott, *Lieutenant.*

Gilbert Grant, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Amaziah Weatherhead, *Captain.*
Nathaniel Scott, *Lieutenant.*
William Kent, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Stephen Whipple, *Captain.*
Joseph Follett, *Lieutenant.*
Daniel Paine, *Ensign.*

FOSTER :

Senior Class Company.

John Johnson, *Captain.*
Joseph Davis, *Lieutenant.*
Samuel Perkins, *Ensign.*

First Company.

Samuel Foster, *Captain.*
John Herrington (*Son of Samuel*)
Lieutenant.
Caleb Potter, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Isaac Paine, *Captain.*
Richard Cole, *Lieutenant.*
Simeon Seamans, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

John Hammond, *Captain.*
Abraham Phillips, *Lieutenant.*
John Lyon, *jun. Ensign.*

Fourth Company.

Christopher Colwell, *Captain.*
Squire Bucklin, *jun. Lieutenant.*
William Walker, *Ensign.*

PROVIDENCE :

Senior Class Company.

Samuel Black, *Captain.*
Joseph Mafury, *Lieutenant.*
Nathaniel Dana, *Ensign.*
In the Room of those appointed
at last Session, who declined.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Senior Class Company.

Samuel Dyre, *Captain.*
John Cozzens, *Lieutenant.*

James

James Hiams. *Ensign.*

First Company.

George Reynolds, *Captain.*
Stukely Hill, *Lieutenant.*
John Pierce, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

John Brown, *Captain.*
Phoenix Brown, *Lieutenant.*
John Havens, *Ensign.*

Third Company.

Henry Northup, *Captain.*
Hudson Cole, *Lieutenant.*
Charles Dyre, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.

Samuel Phillips, *Captain.*
John Shearman, *Lieutenant.*
William Congdon, *Ensign.*

EXETER :

First Company.

Robert Reynolds, *Captain.*
Daniel Sunderlin, *jun. Lieutenant.*
John Herrenden, *Ensign.*

Second Company.

Abraham Wilcox, *jun. Captain.*
John Lewis, *Lieutenant.*
Roger Sheldon, *Ensign.*

WESTERLY :

Third Company.

Samuel Clarke, *Captain.*
Joseph Davis, *Lieutenant.*
Daniel Babcock, *Ensign.*

Fourth Company.

Walter White, *Captain.*
Charles Saunders, *Lieutenant.*
Henry Crandall, *Ensign.*

T. Tew al-
lowed £ 106
7s. 5d.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Hundred and Six Pounds Seven Shillings and Fivepence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Thomas Tew, Keeper of the Gaol in the County of Newport; it being the Amount of his Account, for the Support of divers poor Prisoners committed at the Suit of the State, and for repairing the said Gaol.

G. Lawton al-
lowed £ 1
4s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That One Pound Four Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Giles Lawton, Esq; it being the Amount of his Account for going as an Express, by Order of his Excellency the Governor.

Committee
to collect In-
terest Money.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Sayles, James Sheldon, and Jonathan Gorton, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed, in their respective Counties, to collect the Money due on the Interest Bonds, for the Loan-Money emitted in May, A. D. 1786, for the present Year; and that they receive the same Fees and Allowance as the Collectors had last Year.

General-
Treasurer to
issue War-
rants against
the Town-
Treasurers.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to issue his Warrant of Distress against the Town-Treasurer of each and every delinquent Town in the State, which hath not paid its Quota of the respective Taxes heretofore assessed upon it, returnable in Twenty Days from the Time of issuing the same; and that in such Cases, where the General-Treasurer cannot issue his Warrants of Distress for collecting the Arrearages of Taxes due from any delinquent Towns, he apply to the Attorney-General to prosecute for the same, at Special Inferior Courts to be called for that Purpose.

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An A C T for the more effectual collecting of Taxes, and paying the same into the General-Treasury.

WH E R E A S it is necessary, that the Taxes assessed upon the Inhabitants of this State should be collected as soon as may be; and that effectual Methods should be established for that Purpose: A C T for the more effectual collecting of Taxes.

B E it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That when any Town-Treasurer in this State shall have been confined in Gaol, for the Deficiency and Arrears of Taxes of the Town to which he belongs, for the Space of Ten Days, it shall be lawful for the General-Treasurer to commence an Action to a Special Inferior Court (in the same Manner as the General-Treasurer is already empowered to commence Actions to Special Courts against delinquent Collectors) against the Collector of Taxes of such delinquent Town, and his Bondsmen: And that such Town-Treasurer shall deliver the Bond of the Collector to the General-Treasurer, or to the Attorney-General, to be put in Suit: That Execution shall be issued, upon Judgment being recovered, to sell the same Estates forthwith, for the Discharge of such deficient Taxes, unto the Amount thereof, which shall be paid into the General-Treasury; and that a Deed shall be given, by the Sheriff selling the same, of the Land or Estate so sold, which shall vest in the Purchaser a valid and effectual Right and Title in Fee-Simple of the Premises.



An A C T for granting and apportioning a Tax of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, upon the Inhabitants of this State.

BE it Enacted by the General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That a Tax for raising the Sum of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, be granted and assessed upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of this State, on or before the First Day of *August* next; and that the said Sum of *Thirty Thousand Pounds* be collected, and paid into the General-Treasury of this State, on or before the First Day of *December* next. A C T apportioning the Tax of £ 30,000.

I T is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Poll-Tax be Fifteen Shillings, being Sixpence upon every Thousand Pounds; and that all male Persons of Twenty-one Years of Age and upwards (excepting Ministers of the Gospel) shall pay the Poll-Tax.

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IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Tax shall be and the same is hereby assessed unto and upon the several Towns, in the following Proportions, to wit :

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| Newport shall pay | £ 1695 | 0 | 0 | |
| Portsmouth, | 926 | 8 | 0 | |
| Jamestown, | 480 | 0 | 0 | |
| Middletown, | 511 | 9 | 0 | |
| Tiverton, | 1061 | 10 | 0 | |
| Little-Compton, | 868 | 10 | 0 | |
| New-Shoreham, | 336 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ 5878 17 0 |
| Providence, | 2412 | 0 | 0 | |
| Smithfield, | 1930 | 0 | 0 | |
| Scituate, | 1013 | 5 | 0 | |
| Glocester, | 1505 | 8 | 0 | |
| Cumberland, | 887 | 16 | 0 | |
| Cranston, | 1186 | 19 | 0 | |
| Johnston, | 619 | 10 | 6 | |
| North-Providence, | 434 | 5 | 0 | |
| Foster, | 694 | 16 | 0 | |
| | | | | 10684 9 6 |
| Westerly, | 921 | 1 | 0 | |
| North-Kingstown, | 1405 | 14 | 0 | |
| South-Kingstown, | 2466 | 0 | 0 | |
| Charlestown, | 767 | 17 | 0 | |
| Richmond, | 667 | 7 | 3 | |
| Hopkinton, | 863 | 3 | 0 | |
| Exeter, | 969 | 6 | 0 | |
| | | | | 8060 8 3 |
| Bristol, | 630 | 1 | 9 | |
| Warren, | 381 | 3 | 6 | |
| Barrington, | 296 | 4 | 9 | |
| | | | | 1307 11 0 |
| Warwick, | 1668 | 15 | 0 | |
| East-Greenwich, | 768 | 2 | 6 | |
| West-Greenwich, | 687 | 1 | 9 | |
| Coventry, | 944 | 15 | 0 | |
| | | | | 4068 14 3 |
| | | | | £ 30,000 0 0 |

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town or Towns which shall not pay in their Proportion of the said Tax, at the Time limited for the Payment thereof as aforesaid, shall pay Interest for the Sum in which they shall be deficient, until the same be paid : That each delinquent Town shall be responsible therefor to the General-Treasurer : That the Collectors of Taxes in the several Towns be and they are hereby empowered and directed, to collect the Interest with the Principal from the delinquent Individuals, after the

the aforesaid Time; and that in case any Execution shall be issued from the General-Treasurer against the Treasurers of any delinquent Towns, the Collectors be and they are hereby empowered and directed, to collect from the individual Delinquents all the Costs and Expenses which shall accrue thereon, in Proportion to the Sums due from such Delinquents respectively.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors or Rate-Makers shall assess and apportion the said Tax, and return a true List or Bill of the same unto the Clerk of the Town to which they respectively belong, on or before the First Day of *August* next, who is hereby directed and required to send a Copy thereof within Six Days from the Time of his receiving the same to the General-Treasurer; and that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed and required, to issue his Warrant within Four Days to the several Town-Treasurers, to be by them delivered to the several Collectors of Taxes of their respective Towns, requiring them, in the Name of the Governor and Company of this State, to levy, collect, and pay unto the General-Treasurer for the Time being, the several Sums respectively committed to them to collect.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each respective Town shall pay all the Charges and Fees that shall accrue or arise in or upon the assessing, levying and collecting, its Part of the aforesaid Tax: And that upon the Refusal or Neglect of any Town in this State to assess, levy, collect, and pay into the General-Treasury, their Proportion of the said Tax, by the Time aforesaid, the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed, to issue his Execution against the Town-Treasurer of such Town, for its Proportion or Deficiency of the said Tax, which Execution shall be returnable in Ten Days after the Date thereof.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Treasurer of each respective Town in this State be and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to sue out and prosecute the Bond and Security, that shall be by him taken from the Collectors of the said Tax, to a Special Inferior Court, in the County where such Bond and Security shall be so taken; which Special Court shall be convened in the usual Manner, have the same Power as Special Courts have heretofore had in this State, and take the same Fees. And the Judgment of such Special Court shall be final.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Town-Clerks of the several Towns in this State be and they are hereby required, to send the Names of the Town-Treasurers and Collectors of Taxes, of their respective Towns, to the General-Treasurer, at the same Time they shall send a Copy of the Rate-List.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Assessors of Taxes be and they are hereby empowered to consider the Circumstances

stances of the Poor in their respective Towns, and exempt such from the Poll-Tax as they shall think unable to pay the same.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Towns be and they are hereby empowered to make Choice of new Assessors and Collectors, for assessing and collecting the said Tax.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the aforesaid Thirty Thousand Pounds, when collected and paid into the General-Treasury, be appropriated to the Payment of this State's Debt.

AND be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to send Copies of this Act to each and every Town-Treasurer in this State, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, to be by him delivered immediately to the Assessors or Rate-Makers of his Town: And the several Collectors of Taxes are hereby required to use all Diligence in collecting and paying the same into the General-Treasury, before or at the Time limited by this Act.



Persons holding public Money to pay it into the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons who have received any public Money, and whose Accounts have been audited by the Committee, pay the respective Balances in their Hands into the General-Treasury, within One Month from the Rising of this Assembly: And that if any of the Persons aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to pay the same into the General-Treasury, within the Time limited as aforesaid, the Attorney-General, in the Name of the General-Treasurer of this State for the Time being, bring an Action against every such delinquent Person to a Special Inferior Court, to be convened in the same Manner, and with the same Powers, as Special Courts are by Law to be called.

Resolve respecting the Superior Court in Bristol County.

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, which was to have been held in the County of Bristol in April last, was not held, by Reason that a sufficient Number of Justices did not meet, whereby Injustice will be done, unless a Remedy be provided: *It is therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof, That all Business pending before the said Court, be carried to the Term of said Court to be holden in said County in October next; and that the same be then heard and determined, in the same Manner as it might have been at the Court which fell through as aforesaid.*

J. Jenckes allowed £100.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That John Jenckes, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to receive One Hundred Pounds, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, on Account of his Services as one of the

the Commissioners for settling the Accounts of this State with the United States; and that he be accountable for the same.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Grant to L. Lodowick Hoxfie, of Newport, the whole of a State Note for Three Hoxfie of for- Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Fivepence in his Possession, Part of which teited Mo- ney. is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, Lawful J. Dyre al- Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Dyre al- Joseph Dyre, a Constable for the Town of Newport; it being the lowed £ 7 Amount of his Account for Attendance upon this Assembly at May 101. Session, A.D. 1787, as a Waiter, and for apprehending and committing divers poor Criminals.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Miss Abigail Barker be and she is A. Barker al- hereby empowered to draw Fifty Pounds, Lawful Money, out of the lowed £ 50. General-Treasury, on Account of the Money due to her from the State; and that she be accountable therefor.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Fifteen Pounds Six Shillings, Lawful T. Rumrell Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Thomas allowed £ 15 Rumrell, Esq; for his Attendance at the present Session as Clerk of the 51. Lower House, and for providing Paper, &c.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Four Shillings, Lawful T. Bliven al- Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. James lowed £ 7 Bliven, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, 41. as a Waiter.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Four Shillings, Lawful T. Tew al- Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Tho- lowed £ 7 mas Tew, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, 41. as a Waiter.

It is Voted and Resolved, That Seven Pounds Four Shillings, Lawful T. Melwill al- Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Tho- lowed £ 7 mas Melwill, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present 41. Session, as a Waiter.

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, at the Term in Newport, in March last, made Resolve re- an Adjournment of the said Court to some Time in May last; and specting the Superior Court in the County of unless a Remedy be provided: It is therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That all Process returnable, and Business pending before the said Court, at the said Adjournment in May last, be returnable at and carried to the Term of the said Court, to be holden in the County of Newport in September next,

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next, and be then and there heard and determined, in the same Manner as might have been done at the said Adjournment.

Resolves re-
specting Pe-
titions,

WHEREAS there hath not been sufficient Time to hear divers Petitions pending before this Assembly, praying that Proceedings and Executions may be stayed: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all such Petitions be referred; and that all Proceedings and Executions, therein prayed to be stayed, be stayed until such Petitions be heard.

AND whereas divers Petitions were received at the last Session, and the Petitioners have neglected to give Bonds, and take out Citations: *It is therefore further Voted and Resolved*, That such Petitions be again received and referred to the next Session; and that the Petitioners be empowered to give Bonds, and take out Citations, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; which shall be as valid as though the same had been done in due Season.

Adjourn-
ment.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session; That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders now made and passed, by Beat of Drum, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and within Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, by them to be transmitted to each Town-Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the Fourth Monday in October next, then to meet at the State-House in Providence, if called; but if not called before, nor at that Time, that then this Assembly be and hereby is dissolved.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of *AMERICA*.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED:

WITNESS,

Henry Ward Law

At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and held, by Adjournment, at *Providence*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in *October*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight, and in the Thirteenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

His EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, Esquire,
G O V E R N O R.

The HONOURABLE

Daniel Owen, Esq; Deputy-Governor.

JOHN WILLIAMS, Esq;
SYLVANUS SAYLES, Esq;
JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;
CALEB GARDNER, Esq;
JAMES CONGDON, Esq;
JOSEPH W. TWEEDY, Esq;
JOHN DORRANCE, Esq;

Assistants.

The S E C R E T A R Y.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

NEWPORT :

George Hazard, *Esq*;
 Henry Marchant, *Esq*;
 George Champlin, *Esq*;
 Mr. Peleg Clarke,
 Mr. William Tripp.

PROVIDENCE :

John Jenckes, *Esq*;
 Jabez Bowen, *Esq*;
 William Barton, *Esq*;
 Mr. Amos Throop.

PORTSMOUTH :

Mr. Job Durfee,
 Mr. Burrington Anthony.

WARWICK :

Mr. Gideon Arnold,
 Mr. Anthony Holden,
 Mr. Thomas Rice, *jun*.
 Mr. Samuel Budlong.

WESTERLY :

Joseph Noyes, *Esq*;
 Mr. Walter White.

NEW-SHOREHAM :

None.

NORTH-KINGSTOWN :

Sylvester Gardner, *Esq*;
 Bowen Card, *Esq*;

SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :

Samuel J. Potter, *Esq*;
 John Gardner, *Esq*;

EAST-GREENWICH :

Mr. Joseph Fry,
 Job Comstock, *Esq*;

JAMESTOWN :

Mr. Benjamin Remington.

SMITHFIELD :

John Sayles, *Esq*;
 Andrew Waterman, *Esq*;

SCITUATE :

Peleg Fisk, *Esq*;
 Mr. James Aldrich.

GLOUCESTER :

Mr. Seth Hunt,
 Stephen Winsor, *Esq*;

CHARLESTOWN :

Joseph Stanton, *jun*. *Esq*;
 Jonathan Hazard, *Esq*;

WEST-GREENWICH :

Mr. William Mathewson,
 Mr. Caleb Hall.

COVENTRY :

Jeremiah Fenner, *Esq*;
 William Burlingame, *Esq*;

EXETER :

Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
 Mr. Job Wilcox.

MIDDLETOWN :

Joshua Barker, *Esq*;
 Mr. James Potter.

BRISTOL :

None.

TIVERTON :

Thomas Durfee, *Esq*;

LITTLE-COMPTON :

William Richmond, *Esq*;
 Mr. John Davis.

WARREN :

Mr. Samuel Peirce,
 Nathan Miller, *Esq*;

CUMBERLAND :

Mr. Elijah Brown,
 Mr. Stephen Whipple.

RICHMOND :

James Sheldon, *Esq*;
 Mr. Thomas James.

CRANSTON :

George Waterman, *Esq*;
 Mr. William Potter.

HOPKINTON :

David Nichols, *Esq*;

JOHNSTON :

Mr. William Waterman,
 Mr. Philip Arnold.

NORTH-PROVIDENCE :

Mr. Edward Smith,
 Mr. Jabez Whipple.

BARRINGTON :

Samuel Allen, *Esq*;
 Mr. Ebenezer Tiffany.

FOSTER :

Mr. Jonathan Hopkins, *jun*.
 Mr. William Howard.

The Honourable JOSEPH STANTON, *jun*. *Esq*; was chosen Speaker; and

ROWSE J. HELME, *Esq*; Clerk of the Lower House.

WHEREAS Mr. *Anthony Holden*, of *East-Greenwich*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he was, before the late War, a Pensioner to the Chest at *Chatham*, in the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, for the Loss of his Arm in the Service of that Crown: That during the War he was unable to apply for his Pension: That he hath since applied, but was refused Payment, upon Account of his being a Subject of the United States: That he is obliged to make his personal Appearance in *Great-Britain*, or forfeit his Pension for Thirteen Years, which is now due: And that by Reason of his Poverty it is not in his Power to make a Voyage to *Great-Britain*: And thereupon he prayed this Assembly to make him a Grant of a Sum of Money, sufficient to defray the Expences of the said Voyage: And the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Anthony Holden* be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, to enable him to proceed to *Great-Britain*, to solicit the Payment of his aforesaid Pension; and that if he shall receive the said Money, and neglect to perform the said Voyage, or if he shall obtain Payment of his said Pension, he be, in either Case, accountable to the State for the aforesaid Sum.

Grant to *A. Holden*, £ 200.

THE following Return of Officers, to command the Captain-General's Cavaliers, was laid before his Excellency the Governor and the Council, *to wit* :

Officers of the Captain-General's Cavaliers.

Daniel Manton, Captain,
Ezekiel Searle, First Lieutenant,
Edward Manton, Second Lieutenant,
Nebemiah Sheldon, Cornet,
Rufus Steere, Quarter Master.

WHICH being duly considered by the Governor and Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and they are hereby approved.

THE following Return of Officers, to command the *Glocester* Light-Infantry Company, was laid before his Excellency the Governor and Council, *to wit* :

Officers of the *Glocester* Light-Infantry Company.

Elijah Armstrong, Captain,
Ephraim Brown, First Lieutenant,
Elisba Brown, Second Lieutenant,
Benjamin Hawkins, Ensign.

WHICH being duly considered by the Governor and Council, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Officers be and they are hereby approved.

Sheriff of *Newport* to receive the public Letters in the Post-Office at *Newport*.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *William Davis*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, make Application to and receive of *Jacob Richardson*, Esq; the Post-Master in *Newport*, all the public Letters in his Office.

Office, addressed to his Excellency the Governor, in his official Capacity: That the said Post-Master be and he is hereby directed to deliver the said Letters accordingly; and that the said Sheriff cause the same to be forthwith had before this Assembly.

Resignation of S. Gardner. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the Resignation of Sylvester Gardner, Esq; as one of the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and General Sessions of the Peace, within and for the County of Washington, be and the same is hereby accepted.

N. Easton allowed £ 27. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Twenty-seven Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Nicholas Easton; it being the Amount of his Account, for Stones and Sand provided for fixing the Steps of the State-House in Newport.

C. Cabonne allowed £ 23 8 s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Twenty-three Pounds Eight Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Charles Cabonne; it being the Amount of his Account for transporting Cannon, &c. in May, 1785, from Providence to Newport.

P. Edes allowed £ 77 11 s. WHEREAS John Jenckes, Esq; and Mr. Amos Throop, who were appointed a Committee, to examine the Account of Mr. Peter Edes, for Printing done for the State, from March 29, A. D. 1787, to September 25, A. D. 1788, amounting to One Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings, Lawful Money, presented unto this Assembly the following Report thereon, to wit:

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee, to examine the Account of Mr. Peter Edes, beg Leave to report, that we have examined the same, and find it right cast: and that there is a Balance of Seventy-seven Pounds Eleven Shillings, Lawful Money, due to the said Peter Edes thereon.

JOHN JENCKES, } Committee.
AMOS THROOP, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the aforesaid Balance of Seventy-seven Pounds Eleven Shillings, Lawful Money, be paid the said Peter Edes out of the General-Treasury.

Grant to J. Kinyon of forfeited Money. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. Joshua Kinyon, of Charlestown, the whole of a Certificate from the Secretary for Seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Eightpence, due to the late Thomas Sachem, deceased, in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

R. Gardner to have Possession of his Estate. WHEREAS Mr. Richard Gardner, of South-Kingstown, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that he hath paid into the General-Treasury all the Money due from him as Collector of Taxes for the Town aforesaid, within the Interest thereon; and hath received

received a Deed of his Estate from the General-Treasurer: That the said Estate, during the Time this State had it in Possession, was leased to Mr. *John Watson*, who hath not paid any Part of the Rent into the General-Treasury: That no Part of the Rents for the First and Third Years hath been paid: That he the Petitioner hath received Part of the Rent of the Second Year; and that the said *John Watson* is making Waste upon the said Estate: And thereupon the said *Richard Gardner* prayed this Assembly that he may have Possession of the said Estate; and that the said *John Watson* may be accountable to him for the Rents thereof: On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted: That the said *Richard Gardner*, as Assignee to this State, be and he is hereby fully empowered and authorized, to collect and receive of the said *John Watson* all the Rents of the said Estate that are in Arrear, and apply the same to his own Use; this State being exonerated from any Demands of the said *Richard Gardner*, on Account of the Rents or Occupancy of the said Estate; and that the said *John Watson* deliver Possession of the said Estate to the said *Richard Gardner*, on the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next; committing in the mean Time no Waste thereon.

It is Voted and Resolved, That this Assembly will, at the next Session, Time assigned for hearing Petitions. on *Thursday* Morning, at Nine o'Clock, proceed to hear the private Petitions on File.

WHEREAS *Caleb Harris*, *Nebemiah Knight*, and *James Aldrich*, Esquires, all of the County of *Providence*, preferred a Petition and represented unto this Assembly, that at the Session of the General Assembly held in *October*, A. D. 1785, they were appointed Directors of a Lottery granted to *William West*, Esq; That the Tickets in the said Lottery were principally sold upon Credit for the Paper Currency of this State: That a Part of the Prizes, by the Scheme of the said Lottery, was made payable in Cash: But that many of those who drew Money Prizes refuse or neglect to apply for their Prize-Money: And that they the Petitioners are desirous of settling the said Lottery, and have notified the fortunate Adventurers to apply and receive their Money: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to order and enact, that those of the fortunate Adventurers in Money-Prizes in the said Lottery, who shall neglect to apply for the same within Four Months after public Notice in Two of the News-Papers in this State, shall be precluded from bringing any Action for the same thereafter, and shall incur a Forfeiture thereof: On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted: That the said Directors cause Advertisements to be immediately published in One of the *Newport*, and One of the *Providence* News-Papers, giving Notice to all Persons possessed of any fortunate Tickets, which have drawn *Four Dollars* Prizes in the said Lottery, to apply to the Director who subscribed the same for the Prize-Money, within Four Months from the Date of the Advertisement; and that in case they do not apply as aforesaid, the Possessor or Owner of such Prize Tickets shall be forever thereafter excluded from recovering

ing or receiving the same. Any Law, Custom or Usage, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Cannon and
Stores at
Fort-Washing-
ton to be se-
cured.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *William Davis*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Newport*, be and he is hereby appointed to procure the Cannon and Ordnance Stores to be removed from the Wharff at *Goat-Island*, to the Upland, out of the Way of the Tides: That he lay the Cannon upon Skeids, and pay them over, together with the Carriages, Tomkins, and Canvass Aprons, with Lampblack and Tar: That he lay his Account of the Expence of doing the same before this Assembly: And that the Gunner of *Fort-Washington* be and he is hereby directed to cause the Ordnance Stores in the Store of Col. *Henry Sherburne* to be removed to the said Fort.

H. Jones al-
lowed £ 168:

WHEREAS *Jabez Bowen*, and *William Barton*, Esquires, who were appointed a Committee to examine the Account of Mrs. *Henrietta Jones*, Widow of *Edward Jones*, formerly of *Providence*, deceased, for the Board of divers Prisoners of War in the Year 1777, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee, to enquire into the Account exhibited by Mrs. *Henrietta Jones*, do report, that it appears that Mr. *Edward Jones* boarded the Persons named in her Account Fourteen Days each, they being Ten in Number, and Prisoners of War, taken in the *British* Frigate *Syren*; and that several Bills were paid by Order of the Council of War, for the Board of the Captain of the said Frigate, and his People: We are therefore of Opinion, that there is due to the said *Henrietta Jones*, upon the said Account, the Sum of *One Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds*, Lawful Money. Which is submitted by

JABEZ BOWEN,
WILLIAM BARTON, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said *Henrietta Jones* be empowered to draw the said Sum of *One Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury; and that the same be in full of all Demands against the State on Account of the boarding of the said Prisoners.



An A C T to prevent the Introduction of convicted Malefactors into this State.

Act to pre-
vent the In-
troduction of
Convicts.

WHEREAS it hath been represented unto this General Assembly, by the United States in Congress assembled, that several Attempts, countenanced by *British* Officers, and particularly, a recent one, have been made to land within the United States convicted

victed Malefactors from the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, contrary to the Rights of civilized Nations; which, if not prevented, will be attended with pernicious Consequences to the Public:

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is Enacted, That if any Ship, Bark, or other Vessel whatever, from any foreign Country, shall land, in any Port, Creek, Haven or Cape, within this State, or upon any Lands within the Jurisdiction thereof, any such Convicts or convicted Malefactors; in such Case, the Captain or Master of the Ship, Bark, or other Vessel so offending, shall forfeit and pay, to and for the Use of this State, the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds, Lawful Money*: That such Ship, Bark, or other Vessel, with her Lading and Appurtenances, shall be forfeited to and for the Use of the State; and that such Penalty and Forfeiture may be recovered by Process, in any Court of Law in the State competent to try the same.



IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seventy-two Pounds, Lawful Money, N. Cushing* allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Nathaniel Cushing* ^{allowed £72.}; it being the Amount of his Account for Services, as Clerk to the Commissioners for adjusting this State's Account against the United States, One Month and Six Days.

WHEREAS *John Jenckes, and Rowse J. Helme, Esquires*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, to wit:

Report of the
Committee
for adjusting
the Accounts
with the
United
States.

THE Commissioners, appointed to prepare and adjust this State's Account against the United States, beg Leave to report, that they have proceeded upon the Business, and from the unsystematical and loose Way of doing the public Business, during the Time of the late War, found it extremely difficult to simplify and bring into Order the Accounts under the different Heads, in the Manner required by the Commissioner of the Treasury-Board; he requiring that all the Expenditures should be arranged in the various and different Departments; and that Vouchers should be produced for the minutest Article. From different Causes, many Vouchers were not to be had, and many necessary Documents are entirely lost: However we prosecuted the Business with Attention, stated the Accounts, and received Duplicates signed by Major *Haskell*, the Commissioner on Behalf of the United States, acknowledging the Receipt of the same, with the Vouchers, which are contained in the Three Books now on the Table. The whole Amount of the Claims exhibited by your Commissioners, which are receipted for, is *Five Hundred and Sixty-eight Thousand Two Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings and a Halfpenny* in Specie. The Officers and Soldiers, serving in this State's Battalions, have a large Sum due to them for Depreciation, which hath been adjusted by a Committee appointed by your Honours, amounting to upwards

upwards of *Sixty-four Thousand Pounds* in Specie, which they are justly entitled to from the Continent; but that Demand was rejected, with many others. Mr. *Chinn*, who was appointed by the Board of Treasury to liquidate and settle the Accounts of the Inhabitants against the United States, attended but a short Time upon that Business; and Major *Haskell*, the Commissioner aforesaid, not being empowered to settle the same, the Inhabitants of this State labour under the Disadvantage of not having their Accounts settled: And the individual Accounts being too small for them to attend at *New-York* for the Purpose of settling the same, although the aggregate Account will amount to a very considerable Sum, the Commissioners submit it to the Consideration of this Assembly what Mode can be pointed out for their Relief.

JOHN JENCKES,
ROWSE J. HELME.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted.

A. Church allowed £ 561 12 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Five Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Afa Church*, Executor of the last Will of *Charles Church*, deceased; it being the Amount of an Account of the said *Charles Church*, for making Twenty-four Fire-Arms for the State, in December, A. D. 1776.

And calling in the First Dividend of the Four per Cent. Notes.

WHEREAS it is the Intent of this Assembly to discharge the domestic Debt of this State as soon as it can conveniently be done, without putting too great Burthen upon the Inhabitants thereof: And whereas in the present State of the Treasury a Payment can be made unto the Holders of the Notes which carry an Interest of *Six per Centum*, which were consolidated from the Notes heretofore carrying an Interest of *Four per Centum per Annum*:

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay unto the Holders of the said Notes carrying an Interest of *Six per Centum per Annum*, which were consolidated from the said Notes carrying an Interest of *Four per Centum per Annum*, One Quarter Part of the Principal and Interest due on such Notes, and endorse the same on the Back thereof.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the Collectors of Taxes for the several Towns within this State, be and they are hereby empowered and directed to receive, in Discharge of the Taxes now collecting, any of the Notes aforesaid of *Ten Pounds* and less, exclusive of the Interest; and that the General-Treasurer receive the same into the General-Treasury.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That if any of the Holders or Possessors of the said Notes shall refuse or neglect to carry the same into the General-Treasury, within Two Months from and after the

Rising

Rising of this Assembly, and receive the One Quarter Part of such Notes, the same shall become forfeit and enure to the Benefit of this State; and they shall be forever thereafter excluded from receiving the same.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented to this Assembly, *Grant to the Invalids.*
to wit :

THE Subscribers being appointed a Committee, to examine into the Allowances to be made to the Invalids, do report, that the following Sums be paid them in the Paper Currency of this State, on Account of their Pensions, to wit :

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| Richard Hopkins, | £ 93 | 0 | 0 |
| John Smith, | 21 | 12 | 0 |
| Plato Wheeler, | 63 | 12 | 0 |
| Major Daniel Box, | 249 | 12 | 0 |
| Joseph Tanner, | 51 | 18 | 0 |
| Plato M ^c Clanning, | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| Abial Weaver, | 26 | 12 | 6 |
| Richard Sephton, | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Edward Peirce, | 236 | 0 | 0 |
| Charles Scott, | 29 | 0 | 0 |
| John Elliott, | 23 | 10 | 0 |
| Comfort Bishop, | 134 | 0 | 0 |
| George Townsend, | 37 | 5 | 0 |
| Anthony Foster, | 73 | 4 | 0 |
| Levi Caesar, | 126 | 13 | 0 |
| Jabez Pratt, | 60 | 16 | 0 |
| William Emerson, | 40 | 18 | 0 |
| Prince Greene, | 73 | 8 | 0 |
| Simeon White, | 75 | 4 | 0 |
| Bristol Rhodes, | 77 | 0 | 0 |
| John Anthony, | 140 | 0 | 0 |
| Matthew Henley, | 53 | 12 | 0 |
| William Bastow, | 74 | 14 | 0 |
| Job Greenman, | 159 | 16 | 6 |
| John Slocum, | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Prince Vaughan, | 60 | 16 | 0 |
| John Armsbury, | 23 | 10 | 0 |
| Peter Barrows, | 81 | 6 | 0 |
| Robert Piper, | 160 | 0 | 0 |
| Benjamin Tomkins, | 180 | 10 | 0 |
| Edward Bennett, | 68 | 6 | 0 |
| Comfort Eddy, | 144 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph A. Richards, | 43 | 0 | 0 |
| Benvil Laroach, | 102 | 6 | 0 |
| Francis Robertson, | 79 | 4 | 0 |
| Briton Saltonstall, | 65 | 16 | 0 |
| Jack Champlin, | 110 | 12 | 0 |
| William Parker, | 42 | 0 | 0 |
| George Bradford, | 76 | 2 | 0 |

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October, 1788.

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| Richard Grant, | £ 29 | 0 | 0 |
| Guy Watfon, | 50 | 12 | 0 |
| Daniel Monks, | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| Hugh M'Dougall, | 25 | 10 | 0 |
| Capt. Thomas Arnold, | 1220 | 19 | 6 |
| Southcot Langworthy, | 29 | 18 | 0 |
| Joseph Button, | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| Ezra Chace, | 94 | 0 | 0 |
| Uriah Stone, | 200 | 2 | 0 |
| Benoni Simmons, | 162 | 12 | 0 |
| Simon Johnson, | 144 | 9 | 6 |
| John Mowry, | 25 | 15 | 0 |
| John Hany, | 60 | 19 | 0 |
| Ensign Samuel Black, | 153 | 4 | 0 |
| Peter Burnes, | 228 | 0 | 0 |
| Jacob Briggs, | 260 | 0 | 0 |
| Benoni Taylor, | 339 | 2 | 0 |
| Abijah Adams, | 201 | 0 | 0 |
| Samuel Talman, | 194 | 0 | 0 |
| Jabez Remington, | 201 | 0 | 0 |
| Prince Jerickes, | 85 | 0 | 0 |
| James Chappell, | 108 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Richardfon, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Edward Gavet, | 48 | 0 | 0 |
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| | £ 7144 | 17 | 0 |

All which is submitted by

NATHAN MILLER,
HENRY SHERBURNE, } Committee.
JEREMIAH OLNEY,

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted: That the said Invalids severally be allowed and paid, out of the General-Treasury, the Sums set against their respective Names; and that they be accountable for the same.

General-
Treasurer to
pay certain
State Securities.

It is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons holding the *Six per Centum* Notes, and Impost Orders, of this State, heretofore called in, who have already received either of the Dividends of the said Securities, be empowered to apply to the General-Treasurer, within Two Months from the Rising of this Assembly, and receive what remains due on such Securities. And the General-Treasurer is hereby empowered and directed to pay them accordingly.

It is Ordered, That this Resolve be published in the *Newport* and in one of the *Providence News-Papers*.

WHEREAS

WHEREAS *Jonathan Niles*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Kent*, exhibited unto this Assembly an Account, by him charged against the State, of which the following is an Abstract, to wit:

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| State of <i>Rhode-Island</i> , &c. to <i>Jonathan Niles</i> , | Dr. |
| For Attendance upon the General Assembly and Courts in the County of <i>Kent</i> ; for delivering the Schedules and other Acts of Assembly to the several proper Officers in the said County; for Repairs on the Gaol, and for divers other Services and Expences, from <i>June</i> , A.D. 1786, amounting to | £ 149 8 6 |

Creditor.

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| By Cash received of the General-Treasurer, | £ 100 0 0 |
| Balance due to the said <i>Jonathan Niles</i> , | 49 8 6 |
| | <u>£ 149 8 6</u> |

AND whereas the Committee appointed to examine the said Account, presented unto this Assembly the following Report thereon, to wit:

WE the Subscribers, being a Committee to settle the within Account, do report, that we find a Balance due to the within-named *Jonathan Niles*, of *Forty-nine Pounds Eight Shillings and Sixpence*. All which is submitted by

JOH COMSTOCK, } Committee.
JOSEPH FRY,

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be accepted; and that the said Balance of *Forty-nine Pounds Eight Shillings and Sixpence*, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Jonathan Niles* out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of *Mr. James Rumsey*, of *Berkely County*, in the State of *Virginia*, praying this Assembly to grant him an exclusive Right to construct Boats and Machines, to be moved by Steam, be referred to the next Session for Consideration.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to *Mrs. Fredlove Remington*, of *Cranston*, the whole of a State Note for *Five Pounds Ten Shillings and Sixpence* in her Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied for Payment in due Season.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. George Olney* be and he is hereby appointed a Commissioner; in Addition to and with *John Jenckes*, and *Roscoe J. Helme*, Esquires, heretofore appointed to collect all the equitable Claims which any of the Inhabitants of this State have against the United States: That they give Notice thereof in the public News-Papers; and that they finish the Business as soon as may be.

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Grant to E. Saunders of forfeited Money. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. *Ezek Saunders*, of *Ashford*, in *Connecticut*, the whole of Two State Notes in his Possession, One for *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Fourpence*, and the other for *Ten Pounds*, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

Grant to E. Coggeshall. WHEREAS Mr. *Elisba Coggeshall*, of *Newport*, by Petition represented unto this Assembly, that he was possessed of a Treasurer's Note issued to him for *Thirty-three Pounds*, dated *June 17*, A. D. 1783 ; of which he had received the First Dividend, agreeably to the Act of Assembly : And that he hath since lost the said Note : And thereupon the said *Elisba Coggeshall* prayed this Assembly that he may be paid the remaining Part of the said Note : Which being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer of the said Petition be granted : That the General-Treasurer be and he hereby is directed to pay unto the said *Elisba Coggeshall* the Three-Quarter Parts of the said Note which remain unpaid, with the Interest thereon ; and that he take the said *Elisba Coggeshall's* Receipt and Indemnification, that if he shall find the said Note, he will deliver it into the General-Treasury. And the General-Treasurer is hereby directed, in case the said Note shall be presented for Payment, to stop the same, and to give Information thereof to this Assembly.

Grant to Z. Holden of forfeited Money. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mrs. *Zilpha Holden* the whole of an Imposit Order, for *One Pound Nine Shillings and Threepence*, in her Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if she had applied for Payment in due Season.

Interest Certificates to be delivered to the Keeper of the Loan-Office. WHEREAS, before the Keeper of the Continental Loan-Office in this State received Orders from the Continental Treasury-Board to issue Indents for the Interest upon the Continental Loan-Office Certificates, the General Assembly did direct *Joseph Clarke*, Esq; then Continental Loan-Office Keeper, to issue Interest Certificates upon the said Loan-Office Certificates, and did also direct the Collectors of Taxes to receive the same in Discharge of Part of the Continental Requisitions for the Years 1784 and 1785 ; which said Interest Certificates remain in the General-Treasury : And as it is necessary that the same should be delivered to the Keeper of the Loan-Office, that this State may have Credit for the Amount thereof in Part of the said Requisitions :

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That *George Hazard*, *Henry Marchant*, and *George Champlin*, Esquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, to receive out of the General-Treasury the aforesaid Interest Certificates, and to pay them to the Keeper of the Continental Loan-Office in this State ; and that they be empowered to negotiate the said Business, in such other Manner as they shall find necessary for this State to obtain Credit for the same.

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IT is Voted and Resolved, That the following Sums, in Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to the undernamed Justices of the Superior Court, as a Compensation for their Services, *to wit*: To *Othniel Gorton, Esq;* *Thirty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings*, for 21 Days Attendance: To *William West, Esq;* *One Hundred and Twenty-six Pounds*, for 70 Days Attendance: To *Stephen Potter, Esq;* *One Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds Four Shillings*, for 84 Days Attendance; and to *Simeon Clarke, Esq;* *One Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings*, for 72 Days Attendance.

Grant to D. Gorton, £ 37 16 s. W. West, £ 126. S. Potter, £ 151 4 s. and S. Clarke, £ 129 12 s.

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, which was held in *Newport* in *March* last past, adjourned until some Time in *May* following, at which Time, from some accidental Causes, the Court did not meet, and the Business then pending was not regularly continued to the next Term: And whereas the said Court, at the Term held in *Newport* in *September* last past, adjudged that they could not legally proceed upon the Business which had been entered before the Holding of the said Term in *September*, until the said Court which fell through should be revived by this Assembly: And whereas Business of much Importance was then pending before the said Court:

Business before the Superior Court in *Newport* revived.

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority whereof it is Enacted, That all the Business pending before the said Superior Court, at the Time it was dissolved, be heard and determined by the said Court, at the Term to be holden at *Newport*, on the First *Monday* in *March* next, in the same Manner as though the said Business had been regularly continued from Term to Term; of which all Persons concerned are to take Notice.

IT is Ordered, That this Act be published in the Newspapers.

WHEREAS the Committee, appointed to audit the Account of *Caleb Harris, Esq;* late Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, presented to this Assembly a State of his Account, their Report thereon, and an Account charged by them for their Services, as follow, *to wit*:

Report upon C. Harris's Account.

Dr. State of *Rhode-Island, &c.* in Account with *Caleb Harris*, as Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*.

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| 1787. To Cash paid into the General-Treasury, per Receipt, | £ 768 9 0½ |
| To the Amount of a Mistake, in overcharging the Impost on a Quantity of Fustick, imported in the Sloop <i>Triumvirate</i> , | 2 0 0 |
| To Commissions on £ 1952 10 s. 0 d. ½, at 2½ per Centum, | 48 17 9 |
| Balance due to the State, | 1133 3 3 |
| | £ 1952 10 0½ |

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Creditor.

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By the Amount of the Balance of the Impost, collected by the said *Caleb Harris*, from May 22, 1786, to November 8 following, as settled by the Committee,

£ 768 9 0½

By the Amount of the Impost collected by *Theodore Foster*, Esq; in Behalf of the said *Caleb Harris*, from November 8, A.D. 1786, to May 5, A.D. 1787,

1184 1 0

£ 1952 10 0½

WE the Subscribers being appointed, by the Honourable General Assembly, a Committee, to audit the Account of *Caleb Harris*, Esq; late Collector of Impost for the County of *Providence*, do report, that we have carefully examined and compared his Account with the Vouchers: That the said *Caleb Harris*, on the 5th of May, A.D. 1787, paid into the General-Treasury, in Impost Orders and the Paper Currency of the State, £ 768 9 s. 0 d. ½; and that there remains due from him the Sum of *One Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Three Shillings and Threepence*, Lawful Money, agreeably to the above Statement of his Account; which, when paid into the General-Treasury, will be his full Discharge for the Time he was Collector as aforesaid. All which is submitted by

JOHN DORRANCE, } Committee.
PAUL ALLEN, }

Charge of adjusting the said Account, £ 4 10 s. 0 d.

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted: That the said *Caleb Harris* pay the said Balance into the General-Treasury; and that *Four Pounds Ten Shillings*, Lawful Money, being the Amount of the said Chargé, be allowed and paid to the said *John Dorrance*, and *Paul Allen*, out of the General-Treasury.

Further Time allowed for the Payment of the last Tax.

WHEREAS the Assessors of Taxes, for divers Towns in the State, have neglected to assess upon the Inhabitants of their respective Towns the State Tax of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, apportioned to the several Towns at *June Session* last: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That in such Case, the Assessors be and they are hereby empowered and directed, to proceed forthwith to the assessing of the said Tax upon the Inhabitants of their respective Towns: That they return a Copy of their Assessment thereof to the Town-Clerk, within Twenty Days after the Rising of this Assembly; who is hereby directed to transmit the same to the General-Treasurer in Five Days thereafter; and that the General-Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to issue his Warrants to the Collectors of the Taxes in such Towns respectively, to levy and pay the same into the General-Treasury, on or before the First Day of *January* next.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Henry Ward*, Esq; as Secretary of the State, be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Seven Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury; and that he account for the same in the Settlement of his Accounts. *H. Ward* allowed £ 750.

WHEREAS *James Sheldon*, Esq; one of the Committee appointed to examine the Account of *Beriab Brown*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Washington*, for Attendance upon the General Assembly and Courts, for warning the Members to attend the General Assembly at several Sessions, and for other Services, from *August 22*, A. D. 1786, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit* : *B. Brown* allowed £ 180
0 s. 2 d.

I THE Subscriber, being one of the Committee appointed to examine the Account of *Beriab Brown*, Esq; do report, that I have examined the same, and find it to be just by the Vouchers produced, and right cast; and that the Amount thereof is *One Hundred and Eighty Pounds and Twopence*, Lawful Money. Which is submitted by
JAMES SHELDON.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *One Hundred and Eighty Pounds and Twopence*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Beriab Brown* out of the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thirty Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General Treasury to *Mr. Henry Barber*; it being the Amount of his Account, for Printing done for the State, from *March 31* last to the present Time. *H. Barber* allowed £ 30
12 s.

WHEREAS *James Sheldon*, and *John Sayles*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report; *to wit* : *S. Kinnicut* allowed £ 28
7 s. 4 d.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to examine the Account of *Shubael Kinnicut*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Bristol*, do report, that we have carefully done the same, and deducted *Nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings*, charged for the Attendance of his Deputy upon the Courts, which leaves the Sum of *Twenty-eight Pounds Seven Shillings and Fourpence*, Lawful Money, due thereon. Which is submitted by

JAMES SHELDON, } Committee.
JOHN SAYLES, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Twenty-eight Pounds Seven Shillings and Fourpence*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Shubael Kinnicut* out of the General-Treasury.

WHEREAS the following Report was presented unto this Assembly, *H. Brown* allowed £ 435
to wit : WE 12 s.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to adjust the Account of Mr. *Henry Bowen*, do report, that he attended himself, and procured Two Waiters to attend upon the Courts in the County of *Providence*, from *June Term*, A.D. 1785, to *March Term*, A.D. 1788, both inclusive, being Five Terms of the Superior and Six Terms of the Inferior Court, for which he hath received no Allowance, as appears by the Certificate of the Clerk of the said Courts; and that having carefully examined the said Account, and the Vouchers, we find the Sum of *Four Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, due to the said *Henry Bowen*.

JOHN SAYLES,
STEPHEN WINSOR,
NATHANIEL WHEATON, } Committee.

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Sum of *Four Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Henry Bowen*, out of the General-Treasury.

Grant to *J. Winsor* of forfeited Money. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. *Joshua Winsor* the whole of a State Note for *Seven Pounds Eleven Shillings and Threepence* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied in due Season for Payment.

Petition of the Proprietors of the liberal Fund. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Petition of the Proprietors of the liberal Fund, praying that a Lottery may be granted to them for the Encouragement of Manufactures, be referred to the next Session for Consideration.

R. Rodman allowed £44 11s. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Forty-four Pounds Three Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *Robert Rodman*; it being the Amount of his Account, for Cloathing provided for, and boarding *Mingo Rodman*, a disabled Soldier and Pauper of the State at large, from *February 11th* last, to *September the 8th*.

J. A. Burton allowed £9. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That *Nine Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. *John A. Burton*; and that it be in full for his Account, for going Express by Order of this Assembly, to bring the public Letters from the Post-Office in *Newport*.

J. Stanton allowed £29 9s. WHEREAS *James Seldon*, and *Samuel J. Potter*, Esquires, presented unto this Assembly the following Report, *to wit*:

— WHEREAS we the Subscribers were appointed a Committee, with *Abel Tanner*, Esq; to enquire into the Facts set forth in the Petition of *Joseph Stanton, jun.* Esq; and did, with the said *Abel Tanner*, make Report thereon to the General Assembly at *September Session*, A. D. 1787, which was then accepted; and afterwards the same was recommended

mitted to the same Committee for Re-consideration: And we having re-examined and re-considered the same, beg Leave to report, that there is a further Sum of *Twenty-nine Pounds Seven Shillings*, including Principal and Interest, due to the said *Joseph Stanton, jun.* Which is submitted by

JAMES SHELDON.
SAMUEL J. POTTER, } Committee.

WHICH being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted; and that the said Sum of *Twenty-nine Pounds Seven Shillings*, Lawful Money, be paid the said *Joseph Stanton, jun.* out of the General-Treasury.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Thomas Rumrell, Esq;* Keeper of *T. Rumrell* the Grand Committee's Office, be and he is hereby empowered to draw allowed the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General- £ 200. Treasury. on Account: And that his Account be recommitted.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Messieurs *Stephen Jenckes* and *Oziel S. Jenckes* and *Wilkinson* be and they are hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, on allowed Account of the Money expended by them in repairing *Pawtucket* £ 100. Bridge.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Fifty Pounds Eight Shillings*, Law- *H. Sberburne* ful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Henry* allowed £ 50. *Sberburne, Esq;* in full of his Account for Attendance, as Deputy Secretary, upon this Assembly, at *June Session*; for his Services in searching the Records and Files of Papers in the General-Treasurer's Office, to make out a Return of the Invalids, with the Allowances made them; for selecting Vouchers at the same Office for the Continental Accounts, &c. 82.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to *Cuff Grant* to *C. Greene*, of *Cranston*, the whole of a State Note for *Eighteen Pounds Four* *Greene of for-* *Shillings* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in allowed Mo- the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. ney.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Seventeen Pounds Five Shillings*, *G. Bradford* Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to allowed £ 17 *Mr. George Bradford*, Keeper of the Gaol in *Providence*; in full of his 52. Account for Repairs made by him on the said Gaol.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to *Mr. Grant* to *W. William York*, of *Cranston*, the whole of a State Note for *Three Pounds* *York of for-* *Fourteen Shillings and Threepence Halfpenny* in his Possession, Part of feited Mo- which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had ney. applied in due Season for Payment.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That *Mr. John Carter* be and he is hereby *J. Carter al-* empowered to draw *One Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the lowed £ 100. General-
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General-Treasury; and that he account for the same in the Settlement of his Account.

B. Wheeler allowed £ 100. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mr. Bennett Wheeler* be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury; and that he account for the same in the Settlement of his Account.

C. Child ordered to settle his Account with the State. WHEREAS a Committee hath been appointed to settle the Account of *Cromel Child*, Esq; Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*; and he hath neglected to do the same: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the said *Cromel Child* be and he is hereby ordered and directed to exhibit his Account unto the said Committee for Settlement within Six Weeks from the Rising of this Assembly: That if he neglect so to do, his Excellency the Governor suspend him from his said Office; and that in such Case the Duties payable into the Impost-Office in the said County of *Bristol*, be paid to the Collector of Impost for the County of *Newport*.

P. Arnold allowed £ 300. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Peleg Arnold*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, on Account of his Services as a Delegate in Congress.

C. Hopkins allowed £ 30. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Mrs. Comfort Hopkins*, Wife of *Mr. Asa Hopkins*, late Keeper of the Gaol in the County of *Providence*, be and she is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, on Account of the Demand her Husband hath against the State.

W. Givens allowed £ 12 18s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That *Twelve Pounds Eighteen Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. William Givens*; it being the Amount of his Two Accounts, One for Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, and the other for going Express to *Thomas Holden*, Esq; by Order of this Assembly.



The Amendments of *New-York*, to the New Constitution, submitted to the Freemen.

The Amendments of *New-York* to the New Constitution. WHEREAS his Excellency *George Clinton*, Esq; President of the Convention of *New-York*, hath transmitted to the Legislature of this State a Proposal, that a General Convention of the States should take Place, in order that such necessary Amendments may be made in the Constitution proposed for a federal Government, as will secure to the People at large their Rights and Liberties, and to

to remove the exceptionable Parts of the said proposed Constitution : And whereas this General Assembly conceive it to be the indispensable Duty of the Citizens of this State to be connected in the Union with their Sister States, if it can be done upon the Principles of good Government : And as it is necessary that, when any Alterations are to be made in Government, which may affect the People at large, the same should originate with and be derived from them :

It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That the Secretary forthwith cause to be printed a sufficient Number of Copies of Governor *Clin-ton's* Letter, with the Amendments proposed by the Convention of the State of *New-York*, and transmit one as soon as possible to each Town-Clerk in the State ; who is hereby directed, upon Receipt thereof, to issue his Warrant to call the Freemen of such Town to convene in Town-Meeting, to take the same into Consideration, and thereupon to give their Deputies Instructions, whether they will have Delegates appointed to meet in Convention with the State of *New-York*, and such other States as shall appoint the same ; or such other Instructions as they may deem conducive to the public Good ; that this General Assembly may know their Determination at the Session to be holden by Adjournment, on the last *Monday* in *December* next.

It is Ordered, That the Secretary also transmit therewith a Copy of this Act to each Town-Clerk in the State.



It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes*, Esq; be and he is *J. Jenckes* hereby empowered to draw the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, Lawful ^{allowed £ 200.} Money, out of the General-Treasury, on Account of his Services as a Commissioner for adjusting this State's Account against the United States.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Daniel Tillinghast*, Esq; be and he *D. Tillinghast* hereby is empowered to draw the Sum of *Forty-five Pounds*, Lawful ^{allowed} Money, out of the General-Treasury, on Account of a Building by ^{£ 45.} him let, for an Office to the Commissioners for settling this State's Accounts against the United States.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Limits of the Gaol-Yard, in the County of *Kent*, be enlarged so as to extend to the Well of Water ^{*Kent* Gaol extended.} belonging to *Mr. Ezra Seamans*, but not beyond it ; and that the Sheriff of the said County mark out the Limits thereof accordingly.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Fourteen Pounds Six Shillings*, Lawful ^{*H. Bowen* allowed £ 14 6s.} Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Henry Bowen*, for his Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter, and for Sand for and cleaning at several Times the State-House in *Providence*.

B. Taylor allowed £ 10 16s. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Mr. Benjamin Taylor; it being the Amount of his Account for Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter.

Executions stayed. Upon the Petitions filed in the Secretary's Office, praying that Executions and Proceedings may be stayed. *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby are stayed until the said Petitions can be heard.

J. Hazard allowed. £ 400. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Jonathan J. Hazard, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, to enable him to proceed to Congress, and take his Seat as a Delegate from this State.

J. Gardner allowed £ 400. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That John Gardner, Esq; a Delegate from this State, be and he is hereby empowered to draw the Sum of Four Hundred Pounds, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, to enable him to take his Seat in Congress.

Delegates to proceed to Congress. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That Jonathan J. Hazard, and John Gardner, Esquires, Two of the Delegates of this State, proceed to Congress, and take their Seats as soon as they conveniently can.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved*, That all Business lying before this Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, by Beat of Drum in the Town of Providence, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly, and in Thirty send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties in the State, by them to be transmitted to each Town Clerk in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned to the last Monday in December next, then to meet at the State-House in the County of Washington.

GOD save the UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

A TRUE COPY, DULY EXAMINED :

W I T N E S S,

Henry Ward Law

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At the General Assembly of the Governor and Company of the State of *Rhode-Island* and *Providence-Plantations*, begun and holden, by Adjournment, at *South-Kingstown*, within and for the State aforesaid, on the last *Monday* in *December*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-eight, and in the Thirteenth Year of Independence.

P R E S E N T,

HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN COLLINS, Esquire,

G O V E R N O R.

JAMES ARNOLD, Esq;

CALEB GARDNER, Esq;

JOHN COOKE, Esq;

JAMES CONGDON, Esq;

JOSEPH W. TWEEDY, Esq;

THOMAS COGGESHALL, Esq;

JOHN DORRANCE, Esq;

THOMAS HOXSIE, Esq;

Assistants.

HENRY SHERBURNE, Esq; Deputy-Secretary.

DEPUTIES

DEPUTIES from the several TOWNS.

The Honourable JOSEPH STANTON, jun. Esq; Speaker.

NEWPORT :
 George Hazard, *Esq;*
 Henry Marchant, *Esq;*
 George Champlin, *Esq;*
 Mr. Peleg Clarke,
 Mr. William Tripp,
 PROVIDENCE :
 John Jenckes, *Esq;*
 Jabez Bowen, *Esq;*
 PORTSMOUTH :
 Mr. Job Duffer,
 Mr. Burrington Anthony.
 WARWICK :
 Mr. Gideon Arnold,
 Mr. Anthony Holden,
 Mr. Thomas Rice, *jun.*
 Mr. Samuel Budlong.
 WESTERLY :
 Joseph Noyes, *Esq;*
 Mr. Walter White.
 NEW-SHOREHAM :
 Rowse J. Helme, *Esq;*
 NORTH-KINGSTOWN :
 Sylvester Gardner, *Esq;*
 Bowen Card, *Esq;*
 SOUTH-KINGSTOWN :
 Samuel J. Potter, *Esq;*
 EAST-GREENWICH :
 Mr. Joseph Fry,
 Job Comstock, *Esq;*
 JAMESTOWN :
 Mr. Benjamin Remington,
 Mr. John Eldred.
 SMITHFIELD :
 John Sayles, *Esq;*
 Andrew Waterman, *Esq;*
 SCITUATE :
 James Aldrich, *Esq;*
 GLOCESTER :
 Stephen Winsor, *Esq;*
 CHARLESTOWN :
 Mr. Speaker,

Jonathan J. Hazard, *Esq;*
 WEST-GREENWICH :
 Mr. William Mathewson,
 Mr. Caleb Hall.
 COVENTRY :
 Jeremiah Fenner, *Esq;*
 William Burlingame, *Esq;*
 EXETER :
 Mr. Joseph Reynolds,
 Mr. Job Wilcox.
 MIDDLETOWN :
 Mr. James Potter.
 BRISTOL :
 William Bradford, *Esq;*
 TIVERTON :
 None.
 LITTLE-COMPTON :
 William Richmond, *Esq;*
 WARREN :
 Mr. Samuel Peirce,
 Nathan Miller, *Esq;*
 CUMBERLAND :
 Mr. Elijah Brown.
 RICHMOND :
 James Sheldon, *Esq;*
 Mr. Thomas James.
 CRANSTON :
 George Waterman, *Esq;*
 Mr. William Potter.
 HOPKINTON :
 David Nichols, *Esq;*
 George Thurston, *Esq;*
 JOHNSTON :
 Mr. William Waterman,
 Mr. Philip Arnold.
 NORTH-PROVIDENCE :
 Mr. Edward Smith,
 Jabez Whipple, *Esq;*
 BARRINGTON :
 Samuel Allen, *Esq;*
 FOSTER :
 None.

ROWSE J. HELME, *Esq;* Clerk of the Lower House.

UPON the Petition of Messieurs *John Whipple, William Wheaton*, Committee jun. *Benjamin Comstock, Samuel Young, and Jonathan Marsh*, the Directors of a Lottery granted to build a Bridge and Market-House in Providence, praying that a Committee may be appointed to adjust their Accounts: *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the aforesaid Petition be and the same is hereby referred to Messieurs *Samuel Nightingale, Edward Thurber, and Jeremiab Olney*, for Enquiry and Examination; and that they report to this Assembly as soon as may be the State of the Facts set forth in the said Petition, together with all the Circumstances relative to the said Lottery. *Provided*, That no Expence accrue thereon to the State.

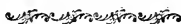
WHEREAS Messieurs *Joseph Hammond, jun. Stephen Waite, Christopher Peirce, Daniel Champlin, Benjamin Greene, Isaac Chapman, Henry G. Gardner, Nicholas Champlin, Edmund Waite, George Wightman, Vincent Gardner, Nicholas Gardner the Third, Peter Weaver, Abel Reynolds, Samuel Smith, Robert Wilcox, jun. George Sweet, Nathaniel Champlin, Wanton Shearman, Beriah Gardner, Alexander Brown, William Hamilton, Edward Watson, John Smith, Nicholas Gardner (Son of William) Ezekiel Gardner, Wilbur Gardner, Shearman Brown, Job Lawton, Jeremiab G. Norstun, Christopher Coggeshall, and John Bissell*, all Inhabitants of Exeter, in the County of Washington, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that finding the common Militia of the said Town very negligent in providing themselves with the necessary military Equipments, and remiss in performing their military Exercises, they have associated together, and embodied themselves as a Company of Militia, to be ready at all Times when Occasion shall require, to be under the Command of the Authority of this State, as an Independent Company, by the Name of *The Washington Independent Company*; and have nominated *Joseph Hammond, jun. Captain, Stephen Waite, First Lieutenant, and Christopher Peirce, Second Lieutenant* of the said Company: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly to grant a Charter, incorporating them, and such others as they shall admit into the said Company, not exceeding Sixty-six non-commissioned Officers and Privates, into a military Independent Company, by the Name aforesaid, with the same Rights and Privileges as have been granted to other Independent Companies in this State; and that the above named *Joseph Hammond, jun. Stephen Waite, and Christopher Peirce*, may be appointed the first Officers of the said Company, with the same Rank that the Officers of other Independent Companies have and enjoy: And the Premises being duly considered,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted: That a Charter agreeably thereto be draughted, and laid before this Assembly for Approbation; and that the said Officers be approved and appointed to command the said Company.

WHEREAS Messieurs *Beriah Waite, Robert Eldred, Hutchinson Cole, North-King-Giles Peirce, Joseph Reynolds, Gardner Browning, Gardner Reynolds, town Rangers Samuel Allen, James Gardner, jun. Thomas R. Congdon, Benjamin Davis*, established.
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jun. *Joseph Austin, Benjamin Nason, Rowland Hazard, Peleg Northup, David Gardner, Oliver Watson, Robert Hazard, John Northup, Remington Northup, George Northup, William Cranston, John Northup (Son of William) and William Hammond, jun.* preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that being impelled by Motives of reviving a military Spirit in this State, they have associated themselves into a Body, as a military Company, to be in Readiness at all Times to act under the Direction of the Authority of this State, and have equipped themselves for that Purpose: And thereupon they prayed this Assembly, that they, with such others as they may admit into the said Company, not exceeding Sixty-six non-commissioned Officers and Privates, may be incorporated into an Independent Company, by the Name of *The North-Kingstown Rangers*, with the same Rights and Privileges as have been granted to other Independent Companies: That the above named *Beriah Waite* may be appointed Captain, *Robert Eldred*, First Lieutenant, and *Hutchinson Cole*, Second Lieutenant, of the said Company, with the same Rank that the Officers of other Independent Companies have and enjoy; and that a Charter may be granted them for that Purpose: And the Premises being duly considered,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the Prayer of the said Petition be and the same is hereby granted: That a Charter agreeably thereto be draughted, and laid before this Assembly for Approbation; and that the said Officers be approved and appointed to command said Company.



An A C T for naturalizing *Nicholas Cambell*.

Act natural-
izing Nicho-
las Cambell.

WHEREAS Mr. *Nicholas Cambell*, Merchant, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he is a Native of the Island of *Malta*; but hath for many Years resided in this State, and is desirous of becoming a Citizen thereof: Which being duly considered,

BE it Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said *Nicholas Cambell* be and he is hereby naturalized, and declared a Citizen of this State, and as such shall be entitled to all the Rights, Liberties, Privileges and Immunities, of a free-born Citizen thereof.



I. Pearce al-
lowed to ex-
change a
Mortgage.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Petition of Mr. *Israel Pearce*, of *Newport*, representing, that he mortgaged his Farm, in *Jamestown*, to the State, for *Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds*, in the Bills of Credit emitted

ted by this State, in May, A.D. 1786; and praying that the said Mortgage may be discharged, upon his pledging other Lands of sufficient Value, be and the same is hereby granted: That Messieurs *James Sbeldon*, and *Thomas James*, of *Richmond*, be appointed a Committee, to make a Transfer of the said Mortgage; and that upon Lands of double the Value in their Judgment being pledged, and Security given for the Money according to the emitting Act, and upon the Petitioner's paying all the Expences which shall arise, the said Mortgage be discharged.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. *William Potter*, of *Cranston*, the whole of Three State Notes, and Two Impost Orders, amounting to *Thirteen Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Twopence Halfpenny*, in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. Grant to W. Potter of forfeited Money..

It is Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay to Mr. *George Mumford*, of *East-Greenwich*, the whole of a State Note for *Twelve Pounds Five Shillings and Twopence* in his Possession, Part of which is forfeited to the State, in the same Manner as if he had applied for Payment in due Season. Grant to G. Mumford of forfeited Money.

WHEREAS *Stephen Winsor*, and *John Sayles*, Esquires, who were appointed to audit the Accounts of Messieurs *Stephen Jenckes* and *Oziel Wilkinfon*, for the Expences of repairing *Pawtucket Bridge*, presented unto this Assembly the following Report thereon, to wit: S. Jenckes and O. Wilkinfon allowed £ 30 16 10 d.

WE the Subscribers, being appointed a Committee to audit the within Account, do report, that we find a Balance due to Messieurs *Stephen Jenckes* and *Oziel Wilkinfon* of *Thirty Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Tenpence*. Which is submitted by

STEPHEN WINSOR, } Committee.
JOHN SAYLES, }

AND the said Report being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the same be and hereby is accepted; and that the said Balance of *Thirty Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Tenpence*, Lawful Money, be paid to the said *Stephen Jenckes*, and *Oziel Wilkinfon*, out of the General-Treasury.

It is Voted and Resolved, That the Act of this Assembly, heretofore passed, for preventing Attornies at Law, while Members of the General Assembly, from pleading to any private Petitions, pending for Trial before the General Assembly, be and the same is hereby repealed, and declared to be null and void. Members permitted to plead before the General Assembly.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *George Champlin*, Esq; be and he is hereby empowered to draw a sufficient Sum of Money out of the General-Treasury to discharge the Account of the Postmaster in *Newport*. Postmaster in Newport to be paid.

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part, for the Postage of public Letters; and that he make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

B. Brown allowed to transfer a Mortgage.

WHEREAS Mr. Benjamin Brown, of Exeter, preferred a Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that he mortgaged a Farm, lying in said Exeter, to the State, for Forty-five Pounds, in the Bills of Credit of this State, emitted in May, A. D. 1786: That he hath since sold the said Farm, and purchased another in Foster, which cost him Three Hundred Pounds in Specie; and that in Consequence of his having sold the said Estate in Exeter, he is desirous to discharge the Mortgage thereon, and transfer the same to his said Estate in Foster: On Consideration whereof, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Benjamin Brown be and he is hereby permitted to exchange the said Mortgage: That the Transfer be made under the Direction of the Committee who loaned the Money in the said Town of Foster; and that upon the said Transfer's being so made, and the Petitioner's paying all the Charges that shall accrue, the said Mortgage be discharged.

The Effects of E. Hall to be sold.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That Mr. Phineas Edwards, a Deputy Sheriff, be and he is hereby directed to expose to Sale at public Vendue, at One o'Clock, this Day, in the lower Part of the State-House in South-Kingstown, all the Effects which he took from *Elijah Hall*, who fled from the Authority of this State; and that he make Report to this Assembly at the next Session.

Superior Court in Bristol revived.

WHEREAS the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol Delivery, from unavoidable Causes, were prevented holding their usual Terms in the County of Bristol in April and October last: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That all Business which was to have been heard and determined at either of the said Terms be revived, and be heard and determined at the next April Term of the said Court in the said County: And that all Recognizances, Writs, Executions, and other Process, which by Law were returnable at either of the said Terms, be made returnable at the said next April Term.

IT is Ordered, That this Resolve be printed in one of the Providence News-Papers.

S. Sephton allowed £ 27.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of Twenty-seven Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Richard Sephton, an Invalid, on Account of his Pension; and that he account for the same.

Additional Act upon S. Gardner's Petition.

WHEREAS Mr. Samuel Gardner, of South-Kingstown, preferred a Petition at the Session held in June last, for exchanging a Mortgage made by Christopher Gardner; which was then granted: And whereas it is represented to this Assembly that the Intention of the Petitioner cannot be fully effected, by Reason that no Provision is made in the Act granting the said Petition, for the exchanging of the Bonds as well as the Mortgage: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the Keeper of the Grand Committee's Office be directed to deliver

deliver up the Bonds given by the said *Christopher Gardner*, upon the Execution and Delivery of other Bonds to the Amount of the Money due on the Mortgage.

WHEREAS the following Report and Account were presented unto this Assembly, to wit:

Additional
Report of
Money ten-
dered in *Bris-
tol County,*
&c.

WE the Subscribers being appointed, at *May* Session last, a Committee to examine what Money was lodged with the Judges of the Court in the County of *Bristol*, which was forfeited to the State, &c. having made Report to the General Assembly at *June* Session last, and being continued a Committee for the Purposes of our Appointment, beg Leave further to report, That we have adjusted the Account of *Cromel Child*, Esq; and find the same right cast and well vouched; and that there is a Balance due from him to the State of *Two Hundred and Sixty-three Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Twopence*, Lawful Money: The following is a State thereof, to wit:

State of *Rhode-Island*, &c. in Account with *Cromel Child*, Collector of Impost for the County of *Bristol*, Dr.

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| To Three Quires of Paper, at <i>Six Shillings</i> , | £ 0 18 0 | |
| To Commissions on <i>Two Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds Six Shillings and Elevenpence Halfpenny</i> , at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per Centum, | 9 11 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Balance due to the State, | 263 17 2 | |
| | <hr/> | £ 274 6 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

Creditor.

By the Amount of Impost received from *May* 25, 1787, to *May* 1, 1788,

274 6 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

We also find, by a particular Account exhibited to us by *Elkanah Humphry*, Esq; that the Amount of the Money lodged with him is

780 9 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

That the Amount of the Charges is 79 0 9

And that he ought to have paid no more into the General-Treasury than

701 8 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

780 9 5 $\frac{1}{2}$

We also find, that since the former Report, there hath been lodged with *James Miller*, Esq;

15 0 0

That the Charges amounted to 7 4 6

And that the Sum to be paid into the Treasury is

7 15 6

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The whole Sum lodged in the General-Treasury by the Judges (the aforesaid Sum lodged with *James Miller*, Esq; not being included) is

£ 709 14 8½

All which is submitted by

SAMUEL ALLEN, } Committee.
JACOB SAUNDERS, }

The State, Dr. for performing the aforesaid Service,

To *Samuel Allen*, 4 Days, at 36 s.

£ 7 4 0

To *Jacob Saunders*, 1 Day,

1 16 0

£ 9 0 0

AND the Premises being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the said Report be and the same is hereby accepted: That the Account of the Committee be allowed; and that the aforesaid Sum of *Seven Pounds Four Shillings* be paid to the said *Samuel Allen*, and the aforesaid Sum of *One Pound Sixteen Shillings* be paid to the said *Jacob Saunders*, in Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury.

P. Mumford allowed
£ 324-

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Three Hundred and Twenty-four Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Paul Mumford*, Esq; and that the same be in full Compensation for all his Services, as Chief Justice of the Superior Court, from *May*, A. D. 1786, to *May*, A. D. 1788.

R. Sprague allowed
£ 9 12 s.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Rufus Sprague*, a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Providence*; it being the Amount of his Account for Attendance upon the Inferior Courts in the said County, &c.

C. Gardner allowed
£ 12-

IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Caleb Gardner*; and that it be in full of his Account for Two Cords of Walnut Wood for the Use of the Superior Court at last *October* Term.

Persons having Money in their Hands, belonging to the State, to be sued.

IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Persons who have received any Money belonging to the State, and whose Accounts have been audited by Committees, pay the respective Balances in their Hands into the General-Treasury, within One Month from the Rising of this Assembly; and that if any of the Persons aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to pay the same into the General-Treasury within the Time limited as aforesaid, an Action be commenced, in the Name of the General-Treasurer of this State, against every such delinquent Person, to a Special Inferior Court, to be convened in the same Manner and with the same Powers as Special Courts are by Law to be called and held.

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AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That Benjamin Bourn, Esq; during the Indisposition of the Attorney-General, be and he is hereby appointed to prosecute such Actions.

WHEREAS this Assembly did, at the last Session, order and direct the General-Treasurer to pay off One Quarter Part of the Notes carrying an Interest of *Six per Centum*, which were by him consolidated from Notes of *Four per Centum*, provided the Holders and Proprietors of such Notes applied for the same before the First Day of *January*, then next following: And whereas many of the Citizens of this State had no Knowledge of the said Act: And whereas in the present State of the Treasury the said Notes can be fully paid and discharged: *Four per Cent. Notes called in.*

IT is therefore Voted and Resolved, That all Persons possessed of such Notes, and the Proprietors thereof, apply to the General-Treasurer, and receive the Amount of such Notes out of the General-Treasury: And the General-Treasurer is hereby directed to pay the same, on or before the First Day of *March* next; and to receive and lodge such Notes upon File.

IT is further Voted and Resolved, That the General-Treasurer pay off such Notes, if Application be made as aforesaid, whether the First Quarter hath been paid or not.

AND it is further Voted and Resolved, That if any of the Holders, Possessors or Proprietors, of the said Notes shall refuse or neglect to apply for the same, and receive it out of the General-Treasury, on or before the First Day of *March* next, such Notes shall become forfeit, and enure to the Benefit of this State: And the Holders, Possessors or Proprietors, of such Notes shall forever thereafter be precluded from receiving the same.

IT is Ordered, That this Act be published in one of the *Newport*, and one of the *Providence News-Papers*.

WHEREAS great Uneasiness hath arisen among the *Indians* of the *Narragansett* Tribe in this State, and divers Disputes and Controversies are subsisting between them respecting their Lands: And whereas *William Sachem, David Seketer, and Christopher Harry*, of the one Part, and *James Wappy, Daniel Skefucks, and John Skefucks*, of the other Part, appeared before this Assembly, and prayed the Interposition thereof, and that this Assembly would appoint *George Champlin, Esq; of Newport, Joseph Noyes, Esq; Rowse J. Helme, Esq; and Mr. Walter White*, or the major Part of them, a Committee to adjust, settle and determine, all Disputes, Controversies, Matters and Things, now subsisting among the *Indians* of the said Tribe, and any and all of them, with full Power to make such Rules and Regulations for their peaceable Government and good Order as will tend to their Peace and Welfare: *Act for settling the Differences among the Indians.*

BE it therefore Enacted by this General Assembly, and by the Authority thereof it is hereby Enacted, That the said George Champlin, Joseph Noyes, Rowse J. Helme, and Walter White, be, and they or the major Part of them are hereby nominated, constituted and appointed, a Committee to enquire into and take Cognizance of all Matters and Things of a civil Nature in Controversy in the said Tribe between the different Councils, and any and all Individuals of the said Tribe; and to make such Rules and Regulations among them as will tend to promote their Happiness and Welfare: And that the Determination which shall be made by the said Committee of and concerning the Premises be binding and conclusive upon the said Tribe, the Councils and Individuals thereof.

IT is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Committee also enquire into the Trespasses which have been committed upon the Lands of the said Tribe, by the white People or others; and that they report the most proper and effectual Mode of obtaining Justice to the said Tribe, for such Trespasses.

AND it is further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Committee be authorized and empowered to run out and ascertain the disputed boundary Lines of the Lands belonging to the said Tribe, and to make and fix proper Marks and Boundaries for perpetuating the boundary Lines which shall be run and ascertained by the said Committee; and that they make Report to this Assembly as soon as may be.

7. Hazard allowed £ 162. IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of One Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to Joseph Hazard, Esq; and that it be in full Compensation for his Services, as a Justice of the Superior Court, from May, A. D. 1786, to May, A. D. 1787.

D. Howell allowed £ 162. IT is Voted and Resolved, That the Sum of One Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to David Howell, Esq; and that it be in full Compensation for his Services, as a Justice of the Superior Court, from May, A. D. 1786, to May, A. D. 1787.

Superior Court in Kent revived. WHEREAS the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize, and General Gaol-Delivery, did not convene in the County of Kent, on the Third Monday in November last, agreeably to a previous Adjournment; and it is necessary that the Business, which was pending before the said Court, should be revived: It is therefore Voted and Resolved, That all Business, which was pending before the said Court at the said Adjournment, be revived: That the same be heard and determined at the Term of the said Court, to be holden in April next: That all Proceedings and Judgments, which were had and passed by the said Court, at the Term held in said County in October last, but which were not completed by Reason that the said Court did not sit at the said Adjournment, be considered by the said Justices, at the said

said Term in *April* next, equally cognizable before them, as though the said Justices had convened agreeably to their Adjournment aforesaid; and that all Writs, Citations, and other Procefs, returnable to the said Court at the said Adjournment, be returned to the said *April* Term of the said Court.

WHEREAS *George H. Peckham*, of *South-Kingsfown*, Esq; preferred a Lottery Petition, and represented unto this Assembly, that by Misfortunes in the late War, and by a continued Sickness of Five Years, he is much reduced in his Circumstances; and that he proposes to set up the Business of Nail-making, but is unable to erect a suitable Shop, and to procure the necessary Stock: And thereupon the said *George H. Peckham* prayed this Assembly to grant him a Lottery, to raise the Sum of *Two Thousand One Hundred Pounds*, of the Money emitted by this State in *May*, A. D. 1786; and that Messieurs *Jonathan Hazard, jun. Joshua Perry, Robert G. Sands, Samuel Segar, Samuel Curtis, Timothy Peckham, John Segar, and Robert Potter, jun.* or any Three of them, may be Directors of the said Lottery: And the said Petition being duly considered, *It is Voted and Resolved*, That the Prayer thereof be and the same is hereby granted: That the above named *Jonathan Hazard, jun. Joshua Perry, Robert G. Sands, Samuel Segar, Samuel Curtis, Timothy Peckham, John Segar, and Robert Potter, jun.* or any Three of them, be the Managers of the said Lottery; they giving Bond with sufficient Sureties, to the General-Treasurer, in the Sum of *Twelve Thousand Pounds*, Lawful Money, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in them; and that no Expence accrue to the State.

WHEREAS it appears, by a State of the Taxes presented by the General-Treasurer, that many of the Collectors in the State are greatly to issue delinquent in the Payment of the last State Tax of *Thirty Thousand Pounds*; and it is necessary that the Arrears of the said Tax should be speedily collected and paid into the General-Treasury: *It is therefore Voted and Resolved*, That the General-Treasurer, at the Expiration of Thirty Days from the Rising of this Assembly, issue his Executions, returnable in Ten Days from the Time of their being issued, against the Town-Treasurers of the several Towns which shall then be delinquent in the Payment of the said Tax.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *Nineteen Pounds*, Lawful Money, *B. Waite* allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr. Beriah Waite*, lowered £ 19. a Deputy-Sheriff for the County of *Washington*; it being the Amount of his Account for Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session, and for other Services.

It is Voted and Resolved, That *John Jenckes*, Esq; and *Mr. George J. Jenckes Olney*, be and they are hereby severally empowered to draw the Sum of *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, Lawful Money, out of the General-Treasury, on Account of their Services as Commissioners for settling this State's Account against the United States; and that they respectively account for the same.

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R. J. Helme *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Two Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds*
 allowed *Eight Shillings*, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Rowse J. Helme, Esq*; it being the Amount of his Account for Four Days Attendance as Deputy-Secretary upon the General Assembly, at the Session in *March*, A. D. 1787, and for Sixty-five Days Attendance as Clerk of the Lower House, at the different Sessions, from *May*, A. D. 1787, to the present Session, both inclusive.

E. Tefft *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Thirteen Pounds Eighteen Shillings,*
 allowed *13* Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to
18 s. *Mr. Ebenezer Tefft*; it being the Amount of his Account for Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter, and for cleaning the State-House.

J. Tefft *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings, Lawful*
 allowed *10* Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr.*
16 s. *James Tefft*, it being the Amount of his Account for Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter.

D. Douglass *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Twelve Pounds One Shilling and Eight-*
 allowed *12* pence, Lawful Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Trea-
1 s. 8 d. *sury* to *Mr. David Douglass*; it being the Amount of his Account for Attendance upon this Assembly at the present Session as a Waiter, and for providing Candles, &c.

T. Tefft, jun. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings, Lawful*
 allowed *10* Money, be allowed and paid out of the General-Treasury to *Mr.*
16 s. *Tenant Tefft*; it being the Amount of his Account for attending upon this Assembly at *March* Session, A. D. 1787, as a Waiter.

Executions *IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Proceedings, for the Staying*
stayed. whereof Petitions are pending before this Assembly, be stayed, until the Rising of this Assembly at the next Session.

Adjournment. *IT is Voted and Resolved, That all Business lying before this*
 Assembly unfinished, be and the same is hereby referred to the next Session: That the Secretary publish the Acts and Orders, now made and passed, in the Town of *Newport*, within Ten Days after the Rising of this Assembly; and within Thirty, send Copies thereof to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, by them to be transmitted to the Town-Clerks in their respective Counties; and that this Assembly be and hereby is adjourned until the Second *Monday* in *March* next, then to convene at the State-House in *East-Greenwich*.

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